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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan clarified yesterday that the rules expected to be released in September will cover only the issue of the Commonwealth-only transitional worker visa and not improved status for long-term aliens in the CNMI—as many in the community wrongly believe.



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Sixty-one Japanese tourists are expected to arrive today aboard Fly Guam's maiden flight from Nagoya.

The group, which will be flying in on a Boeing 737-400 aircraft, is ex-

pected to arrive at 4:25pm at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

According to the Fly Guam station on Saipan, a total of 61 passengers are confirmed to arrive today—nine business class and 59 economy class passengers. They

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Man'amko preview disability-friendly voting machine



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Congregates at the Aging Center will now be able to use the new voting machine of the Commonwealth Election Commission when casting their votes in next year's election.

Executive director Robert A. Guerrero of the Election Commission, Raymond Diaz of the Council on Developmental Disabilities, and Thomas J. Camacho of the Disability Policy & Programs Office were at the center yesterday to conduct a presentation on how to use the automark accessible voting machine.

"The new voting machine is going to be available in the next election," Diaz told his audience composed of about 60 *man'amko* and 20 caregivers of the center's homebound clients.

Diaz said the machine allows voters who have disabilities to cast their votes using any part of their body instead of the traditional way of voting by pen and paper.

He said the machine "comes with several devices that will allow a person with disability to vote." These include headsets, automated voice instruction, and a

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CLARISSA V. DAVID

Raymond Diaz of the Council on Developmental Disabilities gestures as he demonstrates to congregate Mila Garin how to use the new automark accessible voting machine at the Aging Center yesterday. The new machine, which will be used in next year's election, allows voters, particularly those with disabilities, to use any part of the body to cast their vote.



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Materials for teaching native languages undergo revisions

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In the 15 years that Gloria Rasiang has taught Carolinian/Bilingual subject at Koblerville Elementary School, she saw how her school made inroads in the teaching of indigenous languages and culture.

From its beginnings, when a group of educators and advocates succeeded in pushing for the Chamorro and Carolinian language and culture to be taught in the Public School System, the program has survived and grown over the years.

And today, one of the program's most challenging work is taking place.

"It has never changed back



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Chamorro and Carolinian language teachers of the Public School System gather for a three-day material development and teachers institute at Saipan Southern High School yesterday. These teachers, from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, will revise and improve teaching materials used for Chamorro and Carolinian classes throughout the Public School System.

This week, CCLHS program educators participated in the first phase of the material development initiative of the CCLHS Program. For the first time classroom/teaching materials that were made, prepared, and written more than three decades ago for public schools students are being revisited and "re-worked." And PSS Chamorro and Carolinian teachers themselves are taking charge of the work.

"Majority of these books were made back in the '70s and '80s. This is the first time that we have to revisit these materials, change or improve them to reflect today's classroom teaching practices," said Lumi Bermudes, one of the two CCLHS program managers. "This is it: teachers are themselves heavily involved in working on their actual classroom materials."

The instructional materials include books, pamphlets, and finalization of the teacher instructional binder that includes lesson plans and PSS policies.

All products will be aligned with existing PSS standards and benchmarks and must follow the Chamorro and Carolinian orthography or the rules of writing these indigenous languages.

"This is about improving student achievement through the use of new and updated classroom materials that are aligned [with] PSS standards and benchmarks," explains Bermudes.

Grant

A \$500,000 federal grant awarded to PSS through the Office of CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan gave the impetus to this project.

Following the awarding of a \$250,000 grant last year, work began on putting together a uniform, system-wide CCLHS instructional binder that will be used for all grade levels, from kindergarten to 12th grade.

The teacher institute for bilingual teachers, meanwhile, is an ongoing program that aims to raise the level of classroom instruction and enable these teachers to meet the highly qualified requirement for all public school teachers.

About 33 indigenous language teachers from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, along with three regular classroom teachers, are participating in the ongoing material development and teacher institute at Saipan Southern High School.

Two years ago, former education commissioner Henry I. Sablan facilitated the development of short stories written by indigenous language teachers. These stories are now being put together in a book—the first of its kind that is printed in the vernacular and published by PSS.

About time

Like Rasiang, Magdalena Mesnagon said there is now greater emphasis by PSS in the teaching of indigenous languages and culture in classrooms.

"I feel that is about time for everyone to come together to reflect, create, and align what we teach to our students. What we are doing now will help close the gap with whatever is missing about student achievement," said Mesnagon, who teaches at Sinapalo Elementary School and has been part of the program for 10 years now.

Garapan Elementary School Chamorro teacher Elsie San Nicolas said it is "perfect timing" that PSS is taking steps to improve teaching materials that no longer reflect current teaching strategies and uses.

"Now that we are making our own materials to be used in all schools and grade levels, reflecting the approved orthography and our standards and benchmarks, this is going to go a long way," San Nicolas said.

Today, exactly three decades after the bilingual program was mandated in the 1985 CNMI Constitution, the CCLHS Program continues to emphasize cognitive skills, academic achievement, and greater understanding for public schools students to learn and value indigenous languages and culture.

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then—and finally, it is happening now," said Rasiang yesterday, who is now part of the ongoing PSS-wide Chamorro and Carolinian Language and Heritage Studies Material Development and Teachers Institute held at Saipan Southern High School.

"It is a dream come through. I am very proud of it that we are all gathered now," she added.

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Man not guilty of stalking girl; guilty of disturbing the peace

Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos yesterday found a man not guilty of stalking a female minor, but convicted him of disturbing her peace.

After a two-day bench trial, Inos handed down a not-guilty verdict in the case of Duansheng Hong, also known as Peter Hong, on three counts of stalking in the second degree.

Inos, however, convicted Hong of four counts of disturbing the peace.

In acquitting Hong of the stalking charges, the judge said the prosecution failed to prove that the girl was in fear of death or physical harm, which are the elements of the statute.

Hong's sentencing will be on Aug. 18, 2011, at 1:30pm.

Hong's lawyer, Joseph Norita Camacho, told reporters after the hearing that they are now preparing for the sentencing hearing.

At the trial, Camacho had argued that the text messages the girl received came from someone else and not from Hong.

He said the government obtained 200 pages of phone records containing text messages from an anonymous person but the records were never presented during the trial.

Assistant attorney general Peter Prestley said he is happy with Hong's conviction but is disappointed with the court's decision on the stalking charges. However, Prestley said, he respects the court's decision and commends the girl and her family for coming forward and speaking out.

According to a police report, a couple went to the police on Sept. 14, 2010, to file a disturbing the peace complaint against Hong. The couple alleged that Hong has been stalking their daughter and her boyfriend. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Senator to pay for Tinian delegation's hotel bills

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Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said yesterday he will be paying out of his pocket the \$880 in unpaid

hotel bills incurred by over 10 Tinian residents who participated in the recent annual Flame Tree Arts Festival.

Hofschneider, in an interview, made it clear that when he met with Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel

general manager Noel Roque in July, he did not promise to pay the Tinian delegates' unpaid hotel bills but will help facilitate the payment.

The senator, who chairs the Tinian Legislative Delegation,

said the issue was blown out of proportion but to settle the matter, he will be the one to make the payment to the hotel on behalf of the Tinian residents.

He said it's not clear whether he will get reimbursed for it later. He said he's working on the payment arrangement with the hotel.

"But I will also find out from Mr. Eric Reyes of Tinian more information as to what happened, why they were unable to pay for the hotel rooms they occupied. I've been hearing different kinds of stories as to what happened," Hofschneider told *Saipan Tribune*.

The senator also wrote a letter yesterday to the Chalan Kanoa Beach Club general manager on the issue.

"After several conversations

and meeting with you on July 7, I assured you that I would facilitate the issue between CK Beach Hotel and Mr. Reyes. However, I did not promise to settle the owed amount by remitting payments on behalf of Mr. Reyes, as published in *Saipan Tribune* on Aug. 10, 2011. I believe our conversation was misconstrued and therefore, I hope you understand that my sole intention is to simply resolve this issue by allowing Mr. Reyes to make payment arrangements to CK Beach Hotel," he said.

Hofschneider also hopes that Chalan Kanoa Beach Club requires its customers to have a security deposit to avoid situations wherein the hotel customers run away without paying for their stay in their hotel rooms.

Group leader says senator was supposed to pay

» Aldan says someone else using his name

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Former Tinian representative Edwin Aldan clarified yesterday that someone was using his name as he did not make the reservations for five rooms at the Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel for the island's representatives to the recent annual Flame Tree Festival.

As this developed, Eric Reyes, creative director of Taotao Taga Cultural Dancers, said he and the group have nothing to do with the unpaid \$880 hotel bill as Tinian Sen. Jude Hofschneider was supposed to take care of it.

Aldan told *Saipan Tribune*

that he never made reservations for rooms at Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel for the Tinian representatives to the festival. Aldan said that someone was obviously using his name.

Noel Roque, the hotel's restaurant manager/assistant general manager, earlier said that it was Aldan who made the reservations.

Roque said that more than 10 people, including, a child, occupied only three rooms from June 9 to 12. The Tinian representatives spent three nights at the hotel but left without paying their \$880 bill.

Roque said that Reyes reportedly asked the staff to extend his stay for another day

but Reyes never returned, joining the group on their flight to Tinian.

Reyes told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that Sen. Hofschneider was supposed to pay the bill later so he and his group have nothing to do with it anymore.

"I did not run away," Reyes said.

He said he had to join the group back to Tinian that day because of their show at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

Reyes said he called the Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel that evening to inform them that he was already on Tinian and that it's up to the management whether to charge the group with an extension.



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writing pads, notebooks, filler paper, rulers, glue, erasers, sharpeners, pairs of scissors, and backpacks.

Nationals Office Supply has already donated a \$100 gift certificate for school supplies and has allowed the foundation to place a donation box inside the store. Other stores supporting this project are Modern Stationary and

Joeten Superstore.

"Please donate school supplies to our boxes in these stores. Buy the supplies and fill a donation form at the cashier so that we know the donors for us to write back to you and for your tax purposes," said Rose Smith, director of the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation.

Other retail stores can also support

this project by allowing the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation to place a box inside their store.

"The Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation believes in advocating for education for children to have proper tools to achieve their dreams of education," said Smith. "Let us all share what we have to help families struggling in hard times."

Those who wish to donate money for this cause may write a check to Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation and drop off their donation at the foundation's office in Gualo Rai or at the Empty Vessel Ministry booth at the Garapan Street Market. Call the Empty Vessel Ministry at 483-0162 or 235-2340 or visit their website at www.emptyveselministry.org. (PR)

WORKER

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The 90-day period for the White House to review the proposed CW rule ends on Sept. 15.

"The Department of the Interior has never officially or unofficially asked me or any member of Congress I know of to introduce legislation to implement the [Interior] recommendations," Sablan said in an interview in his office late afternoon yesterday.

U.S. Public Law 110-229, the law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control, only required Interior to prepare a report and recommendation to Congress on the status of non-residents in the CNMI.

At the same time, the CNMI House of Representatives adopted a resolution yesterday afternoon that, in essence, opposes Sablan's pending H.R. 1466, which seeks to grant CNMI-only resident status for limited groups of people in the CNMI.

By a vote of 12-6, the House adopted Rep. Ray Basa's (Cov-Saipan) amended resolution endorsing Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's testimony in the U.S. Congress opposing HR 1466, which now has 47 sponsors that include 46 Democrats and one Republican.

Sablan's HR 1466 is also separate from Interior's recommendations to Congress in 2010 to grant improved status to nonresidents who have been legally in the CNMI for at least five years. Status options include outright U.S. citizenship, "green card," or a status similar to those given to Freely Associated States citizens.

'Shell games'

Sablan said House members who voted on Basa's resolution "are playing shell games," and raising issues that have nothing to do with HR 1466.

"Either they haven't read the bill [HR 1466] or they read it but misunderstood it, or they're getting advice that's not correct... I understand each member who voted [on the resolution] was reading a script prepared by some-

one else," Sablan said in an interview at his office.

Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogomoro (Cov-Saipan) and other members who strongly opposed Sablan's bill read their comments on the bill during heated discussions at the House session yesterday afternoon.

Members of the House majority mostly voted "yes" on House Resolution 17-56, House Substitute 1 that, in essence, opposes HR 1466.

The six who voted "no" were members of the House minority, including minority leader Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan), Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), and Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan).

Absent from the session were Reps. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian), and Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan).

Ogomoro, Basa, Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) and Rep. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan) spoke strongly against Sablan's HR 1466.

During a brief session break, Tenorio said a Republican U.S. Congress should bring back control of immigration to the CNMI government.

'Not automatic'

Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) echoed other members' statement that those who want to become U.S. citizens should go through the normal process "just like anybody else."

House majority members said that Sablan's bill provides a direct route to U.S. citizenship and would create an estimated 11,000 new U.S. citizens in the CNMI, all of whom are adults and potential voters.

Sablan said his bill does not give U.S. citizenship but if those covered want to become U.S. citizens, they should go through the normal process just like what CNMI House members are saying.

"Nothing is automatic," Sablan said.

He said the status that his HR 1466 is proposing is the same status that the CNMI government is already granting

certain non-U.S. citizens.

The delegate also said that the CW visa to be issued to qualified workers need to be applied for—"they're also not automatic," he said.

"Those individuals who do not have a CW visa and do not have the protection of the INA will be out of status," he said.

Sablan said his bill addresses the status of individuals left out in the CW regulations that are expected to be released next month.

Even if the White House maximizes the allowed review period of up to Sept. 15, Sablan said the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will have ample time to process the CW visas to be applied for by CNMI employers.

"DHS has a plan on how to implement the program," he added.

Nov. 27, 2011, is the last day of the two-year period allowed under the federalization law wherein workers can still remain in the CNMI using a Commonwealth-issued permit.

Sablan reiterated that there will be no mass deportation of nonresident workers unless they have criminal violations, if the CW visas are not issued by Nov. 27.

The CW regulations will pave the way for employers to apply for a CW visa on behalf of their employees and this CW visa will allow these employees to work in the CNMI even without an H-visa until the end of the transition period in December 2014. This is entirely separate from the issue of granting improved status to nonresidents.

HR 1466 proposes a "CNMI-only resident status" for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens as of May 8, 2008, and continuing to be on the islands; CNMI permanent residents; those born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974, and Jan. 9, 1978; and the spouses or children, "as defined in section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)), of an alien described in subclauses (I) or (II)."

Some CNMI House members said yesterday that HR 1466 is "unfair" because it does not cover those who have been in the CNMI for a long time but do not have U.S. citizen children.

FLY GUAM

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will be assisted by six crewmembers and will be welcomed by Marianas Visitors Authority representatives upon arrival at the airport.

Charlie Hoare, Fly Guam's corporate communication and projects manager, told *Saipan Tribune* that the new route from Japan will bring more five weekly flights to Saipan—every Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday.

Fly Guam's next flight from Nagoya will be fully booked on Aug. 14, Hoare said. A Boeing 737-400 seats 144 passengers.

The first group of passengers will be given special gifts, Hoare said.

Information from the Fly Guam office show that the carrier now has a total of 23 flights every week from Guam, Hong Kong, and Nagoya.

Saipan Tribune learned that an inaugural ceremony is scheduled in Japan today where VIPs from Japan and Saipan, as well as top officials of Fly Micronesia, are expected.

"We're very excited and proud to be launching this new route. We hope to bring thousands of tourists to the CNMI with this route and many more," said Hoare.

The flights from Nagoya are scheduled on Aug. 14, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 26, 28, and 29.

Media support

The Marianas Visitors Authority said yesterday that five media outlets will take part in Fly Guam's inaugural flight from Nagoya to help promote the island as a beach resort destination.

In a statement, MVA announced that two daily newspapers from Nagoya, a monthly golf newspaper, and two magazines will visit the CNMI from Aug. 11 through Aug. 14. These include *Chunichi Shimbun*, *Gifu Shimbun*, life-

style magazines *Cheek* and *Spy Girl*, and *Golf Masters*.

"We're very excited about the launch of Fly Micronesia's air service between Japan and NMI and look forward to the arrival of our first media [familiarization] tour in support of these flights," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman, adding that each flight brings another 144 seats to the islands, which is a welcome news.

"The challenge now is to get funding sufficient to properly promote the schedule and help Fly Micronesia keep those seats full," he said.

MVA, he said, will support the familiarization tour with ground transportation, escorts, and assistance with film permitting.

The *Chunichi Shimbun* is a Japanese daily broadsheet newspaper circulated to 2.7 million readers largely in Aichi Prefecture and other neighboring regions of Nagoya. The newspaper will feature Fly Micronesia and the Northern Marianas in eight columns at the end of this month, providing an estimated ad value of \$323,500.

Gifu Shimbun is a daily newspaper published in Gifu Prefecture near Nagoya that has been in circulation of 130 years. Reaching an estimated 177,000 readers, the paper will provide \$25,075 worth of coverage later this month.

Lifestyle magazines *CHEEK* and *SPY GIRL* are published by Ryuko Hashin Ltd. and target women in their 20s and 30s. With a circulation of 180,000 readers, the magazines will carry four pages on the destination in the fall with an ad value of \$20,000.

Golf Masters is a monthly free-paper specialized in golf also distributed in Aichi Prefecture and neighboring regions. With a circulation of 98,530, the paper targets men and women golfers. Its Sept. 30 edition will feature the world-class courses of the Northern Marianas for an estimated ad value of \$15,000.

MAN'AMKO

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touch screen panel.

Diaz said that once votes are cast, the voter will be able to print his own ballot.

He emphasized that the presentation only aims to teach the *man'amko* how to use the new machine. "We are not here to tell you who to vote for."

According to Guerrero, another advantage of the machine is that it doesn't allow voters to cast votes for more than the maximum seats available for an elected position, avoiding the incidence of null and void ballots.

Guerrero said the Election Commission has four of the voting machines—one for each island and one backup machine "should something goes wrong."

The voting machine on Saipan, Guerrero said, will be positioned at the

Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Guerrero said voters will be in a confined area to ensure privacy of the voting process. "When you vote, you vote in confidentiality," he added.

Guerrero noted that voters who have disabilities or any kind of impairment should contact the Election Commission so they can make arrangements to transport them to the polling place.

He said similar presentations have already been conducted for the *man'amko* on Tinian and Rota.

Aging Office director Rose Mondala said the presentation is beneficial for the *man'amko*. "This is really good. It's about time we have something like this for the *man'amko*."

She said this is the same reason why she also invited caregivers of homebound *man'amko* to attend the presentation. "I want them to come here to learn the new voting process," she added.

Kilili invites CNMI officials to townhall

» Not Fitial, who he says is Alaska-bound

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan invited to a townhall yesterday most elected officials on Capital Hill except for Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who he said will again travel off island next week.

Two weeks after wrapping up almost a month of off-island trip for personal and official business, Fitial had planned to travel to Alaska next week for a renewable energy summit. But press secretary Angel Demapan said last night that the governor has not confirmed yet.

Sablan invited CNMI Senate and House members to participate at a townhall he will be hosting on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe from 6pm to 8pm.

The delegate has held several town hall meetings since he was first elected as the CNMI's first non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

In a one-page letter to lawmakers yesterday, Sablan said he has received requests to invite CNMI elected officials to participate and address non-federal matters that are brought to his attention.

"Please join me for an opportunity to meet and speak openly with our constituents," said Sablan, whose letter was received by many of the lawmakers during a House session yesterday.

Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), in an interview, said he would rather invite Sablan to meet with the House members rather than attend the townhall.

The invitations were received about the same time the House adopted a resolution that, in essence, opposes Sablan's pending HR 1466 which seeks to grant CNMI-only resident status for limited groups of people in the CNMI.

CUC: Monthly LEAC adjustment will benefit customers

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REPORTER

Allowing the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to amend its levelized energy adjustment clause rate, or LEAC, every month will result in substantial savings, not only for the corporation but for its customers as well.

CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren said this approach will reduce rates much sooner as fuel prices fall.

The LEAC rate is a component of the power bill that reflects the cost of fuel. It is sup-

posed to go up or down to reflect the cost of buying fuel to run the power plants.

Warren said that consumers should expect smaller rate increases as fuel prices rise since six months of LEAC increases will not be billed at one time.

This will also bring substantial savings of more than \$100,000 a year on consultants' fees for both CUC and the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, the regulating agency that authorizes LEAC adjustments, Warren said.

"[We expect] lower fees for outside consultants since the

calculation will be less complex than the current method. Savings in consultant's fees for both CPUC and CUC are expected to exceed \$100,000 per year," he said.

If the monthly LEAC adjustment is approved, he said this will lessen "uncertainties"

or "unknown variables" since forecasting will only be for next month's activity rather than the next six months.

CUC executive director Abe Utu Malae earlier complained that the lack of a functioning regulatory commission is hampering the agency's plans

and moves to submit any petitions. He said the LEAC adjustment was among the items the agency wants to raise with the CPUC, which had ordered CUC to return with another petition to adjust the LEAC rate if fuel prices go down.

The LEAC rate was last ad-

justed early this year, increasing from \$0.24446 per kilowatt-hour to \$0.28125 per kWh. At that time, crude oil was trading at over \$100 a barrel.

Based on Monday's fuel prices, the LEAC charge would go down to about \$0.04 per kWh, according to Warren.

\$250K savings with PSS relocation

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REPORTER

The Public School System is looking at saving \$250,000 in rental expenses and utility costs by moving its central office from Capital Hill to Marianas High School next month, to coincide with the start of the new school year.

The transfer of PSS and the Board of Education from the NMI Retirement Fund building to MHS is part of the agency's belt-tightening measures.

"The quarter-of-a-million dollars that will be saved from lease and utility expenses in a year is a significant amount that could help PSS in meeting its other pressing needs," Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The renovated buildings at the MHS campus that will house the PSS central offices and the BOE have been fitted with energy-efficient air-conditioning units and lights. From \$17,000 to \$22,000 in combined lease and utility expenses at its Capital

Hill office, PSS will now spend nothing except for utility costs at its new location.

The Public School System's current \$31 million budget is the lowest in about 20 years.

When asked if the MHS site will become the "permanent office" for PSS and BOE, Sablan said, "There is never a permanent space until you build a permanent structure."

Saipan Tribune learned that prior to the expiration of PSS' lease with the Fund on April 30, Sablan had asked for a reduction in PSS' lease rate, citing the system's budget constraints. Although the Fund had initially agreed to the rate cut, it, however, set some conditions, which PSS declined.

For the next fiscal year, PSS will only get about \$30 million from the central government. The budget crunch will be exacerbated when federal assistance under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ends on Sept. 30 this year.

PSS received about \$32.2 million in ARRA funding two years ago.

DYS staff nabbed for alleged sex abuse of minor

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A joint investigation by the FBI and the Department of Public Safety led to the arrest on Tuesday of a staff of the Division of Youth Services who allegedly sexually abused a female minor.

Pedro Ilo Sablan, 62, was brought to the Superior Court yesterday afternoon for an initial appearance. Associate Judge Ken-

neth L. Govendo imposed a \$50,000 cash bail for his temporary release.

Preliminary hearing will be on Aug. 18.

Govendo ordered the suspect to stay away from all juvenile children, except for family members.

Chief Prosecutor Michael Ernest called to the witness stand detective Melissa Bauleong, who briefly explained to the court how the joint FBI and DPS investi-

gation led to Sablan's arrest.

Bauleong said it was an FBI special agent who contacted DPS about the case involving a 14-year-old girl.

Ernest said Sablan was arrested for several counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the first and second degree.

Govendo found probable cause to continue the detention of Sablan for sexual abuse of a minor in the first and second degree.

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Owner of pot plantation with booby traps gets 21-day sentence

The owner of a marijuana plantation surrounded with booby traps in Kagman III was slapped with a 21-day prison term.

Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos sentenced Newly Aldan Agulto on Thursday to three months in prison, all suspended except for 21 days, for illegal possession of a controlled substance, with credit for four days of time served.

The 39-year-old Agulto will start serving the remaining 17 days on Aug. 24, 2011. After that he will be placed on one year probation.

Agulto was ordered to pay a \$500 fine, \$100 probation fee, and \$25 court assessment fee. He was also required to perform 60 hours of community service.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Agulto with trafficking of a controlled substance and possession of a

controlled substance.

Agulto, with counsel, Edward Arriola Sr., pleaded guilty to illegal possession of a controlled substance as part of a plea deal. The other charge was dropped.

It was the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force that uncovered the marijuana plantation. Detective Steve Castro, a member of the task force, injured his left foot and two toes after stepping on a crude booby trap—a slab of wood with nails sticking out.

The officers found several booby traps camouflaged with banana leaves and grass surrounding the area.

Police said that Agulto cultivated the marijuana in the jungle area surrounding his residence on Chopak St. in Kagman III. The task force reportedly recovered a total of 96 marijuana plants. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



Northern Marianas College staff and faculty pose with 40 students from Tongmyong University in South Korea. The visiting students recently received their certificates of competence in the Community Development Institute's English Language Development Course.

Korean university students complete English course at NMC

The Northern Marianas College's Division of Community Programs and Services' Community Development Institute recently recognized 40 individuals for completing training in the English Language

Development Course.

The individuals are students from Tongmyong University in South Korea who visited Saipan for various community service activities around the island and to learn more about the English language.

In CDI's English language course, the participants learned the fundamentals of the English language, including the gram-

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CDI provides a range of specialized academic courses, non-traditional courses, customized training such as "customer service" and "computer literacy" courses, outreach and extended

program services, personal enrichment, and community-based learning that are accessible and affordable to the public.

For more information about these courses, contact CDI at 234-5498 Ext. 1010 or email CDI program manager Les Ogumoro-Uludong at logumoro@nmcnet.edu. You may also log on to www.nmcnet.edu. *(NMC)*

District court limits dentist's testimony at trial

The federal court granted Tuesday the request of Dental Care Inc. and its owners to exclude as evidence allegations of insurance fraud, money laundering, and other issues during the trial of a lawsuit filed against them by their former dentist.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Mark Bennett said that Dr. Masha Maxim and her witnesses should not attempt to introduce, admit into evidence, or mention at any time during the trial allegations

of insurance fraud, improper distribution of prescription pain medication, money laundering, and identity theft.

Bennett said these "bad acts" are not relevant to Maxim's claims in her complaint against the dental clinic.

Michael Dotts, lawyer for Dental Care and its owners, Rodney Stewart and Scot Thompson, asserted that Maxim raised these topics at her deposition. Dotts said Maxim showed no evidence supporting any of

these topics, and that these topics are not relevant to the issues in the case. Dotts said his clients are concerned that Maxim will try to inject these topics during her testimony.

Maxim, a Canadian dentist, is suing Dental Care and its owners for terminating her and for allegedly failing to make good on their promises.

Thompson filed a counterclaim against Maxim for allegedly assaulting him in the clinic. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Tour group offers package to those who wish to volunteer in Japan

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REPORTER

More volunteers are needed to assist in the reconstruction efforts in areas that were heavily damaged by the devastating earthquake in Japan last March.

Yoichi Matsumura of Pacific Development Inc. said that Holiday Tour Micronesia in Guam is collaborating with the Morioka Branch Office of Kinki Nippon Tourist Co., Ltd. in Japan in seeking for individuals to participate in the Holiday Tour Micronesia volunteer work.

The volunteer work will be done in Tohoku, Morioka,

Iwate Prefecture for five days and four nights.

"The area has received tremendous damage by the recent tsunami and volunteers are being solicited in its reconstruction effort up to this time," said Matsumura.

The volunteers, however, will have to shoulder their airfare and accommodations, noted Matsumura.

According to Matsumura, Continental Airlines has expressed its support for the program by extending a discounted fare for the volunteers.

Each volunteer coming from Saipan will have to pay \$1,610 for airfare, meals, and twin sharing room accommodation.

Those who want to stay in a single room will have to pay an additional \$260 each.

Matsumura said the volunteers will meet with the Iwate Prefecture Social Worker Association in Japan where they will be briefed about the work plan.

He expressed hope that once information about the need for volunteer work is out, they can elicit interest from the community.

Matsumura added that if Saipan will have up to 20 volunteers, then the group can represent the CNMI. If not, then the Saipan volunteers can join the Guam team.

To volunteer or for more information, call Matsumura at 322-8770 or 287-8785.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) will hold a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. RMS-2011-X-041 submitted by HKP & Associates on behalf of the Department of Public Lands for the construction of the Finafa Village Homestead in As Rosalia, Rota. The proposed project will include the construction of access roads, ponding basins, public park and subdivision of 126 residential lots on Lot 280 R01 containing 18.17 hectares of public land in As Rosalia, Rota.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2011, 6:30 P.M. at the Rota Round House.

The public is invited to attend and make oral comments regarding this project. The project file is open for review or comments during business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the CRM office located in the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to Coastal Resources Management Office, Caller Box 10007, Saipan or fax at 664-8315. All written and oral comments received will become part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management at 664-8300/1 if you require further information regarding this project and/or public hearing.

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Humanities board seeks 2 members; fundraiser on Friday

Budget hearings for public library held today at JKPL

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Joeten-Kiyu Public Library executive director John Oliver Gonzales urged library patrons and supporters to attend the budget hearings for the state library and the CNMI Library Council for fiscal year 2012 today.

The hearing, to be led by the Senate Fiscal Affairs and House Ways & Means committees, will be done at the library in Susupe at 9am.

Gonzales said the office of Sen. Jovita Taimanao confirmed the change of venue for the hearing from its previous venue on Capital Hill.

Gonzales said the public's presence during the hearing will help lobby and justify the library's request for exemption from reduced hours and restore their normal operating hours.

"What we're asking for is meager basic local funds for the 80-hour salary of our staff," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "The local government does not have to worry about our other needs be-

cause we get funding for those through federal grants."

According to Gonzales, JKPL is the "only comprehensively equipped library and service-oriented facility that must remain open and operate as an educational institution."

The public library, Gonzales said, provides free, valuable, and comprehensive informational, educational, and technology literacy services for the entire population.

Gonzales added that restoring the library's normal work hours will enable it to comply with the maintenance-of-effort requirement of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which provides funding to state libraries and library agencies, including JKPL.

He said that, as an IMLS grantee, the library is required to operate and demonstrate in good faith its local contribution to leveraging and matching these federal funds for a "vulnerable and resource challenged island community and population" such as the CNMI.

POLO offers new classes for OFWs

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office of the Philippine Consulate General will be offering a course on Domestic Refrigeration and Aircon Mechanic as one of its training courses from August to October.

The course, which will be taught by James Abuy, will be held for six Saturdays—from Sept. 3 to Oct. 8, at 2pm to 5pm.

The Basic Computer Operations 1 (Batch 53) will be held from 1pm to 5pm on Aug. 14 and 21 for Module 1; Aug. 28 and Sept. 11 for Module 2; and Sept. 18 and 25 for Module 3. Course instructors will be Zaldy Quebral and Marilyn Quebral.

The Mandarin Language Course will be offered for the second time from 1pm to 5pm on six Sundays from Aug. 14 to Sept. 25, except Sept. 4. Reynaldo Garcia will serve as the course instructor.

There will also be culinary courses and business management seminar on different dishes: Japanese, Aug. 20; Filipino, Aug. 27; Chinese, Sept. 3; Sauce Making, Sept. 10; and Salad Dressing, Sept. 17. These courses will be conducted from 8:30am to 1:30pm by Hermie Coronejo.

The classes will be held at the Filipino Workers Resource Center on the ground floor of Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe.

Registration for all courses will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Upon registration, applicants are required to bring their umbrella permit or parole-in-place, Philippine passport, and one ID picture.

For more information, visit POLO on the ground floor of Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe or call 235-3411 or 235-6992. (Clarissa V. David)

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REPORTER

The Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities is currently seeking individuals who can fill the two vacancies on its board of directors.

"We currently do have two vacancies right now that we're looking to fill and so we've put a couple of advertisement out in the newspaper," board chair Tracy M. Guerrero said on Tuesday.

Besides Guerrero, other board members are Jerold Facay, vice chair; Joann T. Aquino, secretary and treasurer; Maria Lourdes S. Ada; David J. Attao; Marla M. Barcinas; Susana B. Deleon Guerrero; Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero; Rose T. Ada-

Hocog; Lillian A. Tenorio; and Denita K. Yangetmai.

"If you or anybody is interested in becoming a board member, we would be happy to accept a letter of interest from you or from anybody else," added Guerrero.

The NMI Council for the Humanities is a non-profit, grants-making corporation established in 1991.

"We are affiliated with and receive annual grant support from the National Endowment for the Humanities as well as additional support from other federal, state, and private grants and donations," said Guerrero, adding that they are also eligible to receive educational tax credit donations from local institutions.

The Council's mission is "to

foster awareness, understanding, appreciation of the humanities through support for educational programs that relate the humanities to indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth."

Their notable projects include "Your Humanities Half-Hour" radio program, the ongoing Teacher's Institute, Digital Photographic Database of the NMI, and the Junior High Mock Trial program.

Fundraising dinner

Guerrero invited the community to join the Council in celebrating its 20th anniversary with a fundraising dinner on Friday at the Magellan Restaurant of the Pacific Islands Club in San An-

tonio. Tickets are \$50 each.

The event will feature special remarks from humanitarian and author Fr. Eric Forbes, who will talk about the heart of a mixed Chamorro.

"I really identify with that very much because I, too, am a mixed Chamorro and I've always kind of struggled to understand that better," said Guerrero.

Additionally, the event will also feature a silent auction of donated artwork by local artists and a raffle draw that will give away two roundtrip tickets to Hong Kong donated by Fly Guam and one roundtrip ticket to Japan from Delta Air lines.

For tickets or more information, visit the council office at Springs Plaza along Middle Road or call 235-4785.



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Aug 12 (Fri) 9am-4pm	Aug 18 (Thu) 9am-6pm
	Aug 19 (Fri) 9am-4pm

(Appointments recommended, please call the Languages & Humanities Dept. at 234-5498 ext. 2017/2009)

Math Placement Tests (Held in Bldg. A, Room 9):

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Aug 11 (Thu) 10am-12pm	Aug 18 (Thu) 10am-12pm
Aug 11 (Thu) 5pm-7pm	Aug 18 (Thu) 5pm-7pm

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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Happy 77th birthday to our lovely mother, Chong Torres! You are the best mother in the world and we are very blessed to have you in our lives. We wish you all the best on your special day and many, many, more happy years. God bless you and we love you, Mom.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 11, 1999

Bill restricting hiring of foreign workers by nonresidents vetoed

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday disapproved a proposed law restricting employment of guest workers in businesses owned by nonresidents on the island, saying the measure may face legal questions from existing firms. He, however, expressed support to the proposal and prodded legislators to seek assistance from his legal counsel to draw up a new version that will address his concerns. Offered by Vice Speaker Jesus T. Attao and Rep. Oscar M. Babauta, House Bill 11-247 aimed to forbid alien workers who entered the CNMI for employment before July 28, 1987 to bring in foreign manpower for their own businesses.

CPA assures Rota: Runway will be expanded

Commonwealth Ports Authority Executive Director Carlos H. Salas yesterday allayed fears of Rota Mayor Benjamin Manglona that the agency has left behind Rota International Airport in its development plans. Salas said the upgrading of Rota Airport is within the five-year master plan, but construction of the new runway in West Tinian Airport has become a priority because of the presence of a hotel-casino complex on the island. Despite its limited funds, the ports authority will carry out the repair of Rota Airport runway because it becomes slippery to aircraft during rainy season. CPA and the Municipality of Rota have signed a Memorandum of Agreement in connection with the repair of Rota International Airport runway which will reimburse the ports authority the cost of the A&E Design work amounting to \$68,000 using Capital Improvement Project funds.

Aug. 11, 2000

Affordable housing for Rota's low-income families

Northern Marianas Housing Corp. Board Chair John S. Tenorio yesterday said tenants in government subsidized housing in Rota and Tinian for low-income families may be able to have their own homes in the future. At present there are 30 tenants each in Rota and Tinian who have availed of the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program, a federal program for low-income families. Since some tenants in these houses are even working in government agencies, NMHC will evaluate the financial capability of these people to determine whether they can own the houses they are currently renting.

AGO sues price-fixing CD manufacturers

The nation's largest manufacturers and distributors of recorded music conspired with various retailers to fix the prices of their products, Attorney General Herbert D. Soll and his counterparts in 30 other states and territories charged yesterday. According to an antitrust complaint filed in New York federal court, the companies engaged in an unlawful scheme designed primarily to stop retail outlets such as Best Buy, Circuit City and Target from offering music at deep discounts. The emergence of these discount music outlets in the early 1990's began to offer stiff competition to mall-based music stores selling at high list prices, often "suggested" by manufacturers or distributors.

Aug. 11, 2003

Manglona to Guerrero: What OPA audit?

Senate president Paul A. Manglona shrugged off Sen. Ramon S. Guerrero's threat of having him and Senate floor leader Joaquin G. Adriano audited, saying he has already asked the Office of the Public Auditor to look into the financial books of the upper chamber several months ago. "The auditor has been informed already by my office to audit the Senate. No question about that. This was late last year before this started, so I don't know what the senator is requesting but I already wrote a letter asking for that audit. I don't know what else is he going to ask," said a puzzled Manglona. Guerrero had warned that both Manglona and Adriano are playing a dangerous game with him and that matters could become even nastier for the two with his plan to request for an OPA audit on their accounts.

Precinct II Republicans abandoned?

The failure of the Republican Party of the Northern Mariana Islands to field a Precinct II candidate for the House of Representatives is regrettable in that it appears as if the precinct was abandoned by the party leadership. Veteran lawmaker Sen. Thomas Villagomez said it looks like every Republican in Precinct II were abandoned by the party after its elected representative, Andrew Salas, threw his hat into the senatorial race and the party failed to find somebody on time to replace him.

101 things I love about Hawaii (Part II)

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REPORTER

Second of a four-part series

26. Waikiki. If you've ever received a postcard from Hawaii, chances are it's of the most famous beach in the world—Waikiki. I used to be a skeptic about postcard images of such a beach with "that" many people, until I saw for myself the sea of humans at Waikiki, whether it's a Wednesday or a Saturday, whether high noon or when the sun is about to set. A 2-mile crescent of white sand, Waikiki draws vacationers and local residents year-round.

Waikiki, which literally means "spouting waters" in Hawaiian and is labeled the surfing capital of the world, is one of more than 130 sun-kissed beaches on Oahu. It is an amazing place for those who love the beach or activities in those beaches such as surfing, bodyboarding, swimming, canoeing, sailing, or snorkeling. It is also ideal for hanging out, or just to marvel at the blue expanse of the Pacific, watch people wait for the next wave, have a tan, or go on sunset walks.

27. Surfboards. I've never seen so many of them in one place, other than at Waikiki.

28. Getting splashed. Believe it or not, I went to a lot of beaches on Oahu—from Waikiki to North Shore and even Lanikai—without getting wet unless I count getting splashed by a wave while watching surfers at Waikiki on a lovely Sat-



Body boarders at Waikiki Beach.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

urday afternoon. I don't have special skills when it comes to water. It already gives me too much joy just watching people loving their water sports, and admiring the shimmering blue waters accentuated by mountains and clear skies—and frame them in my photographs. (If you think living on Saipan for over a decade would at least encourage a non-swimmer to learn how to swim, think again).

29. Hail to the Duke. Don't miss a photo of, or with, the lei-draped statue of Duke Kahanamoku—the father of modern surfing—at Waikiki Beach. The legendary Duke was a five-time Olympic medalist in swimming, a Hollywood actor, a Hawaiian folk hero, a lawman, a beach volleyball player, and businessman.

30. Sun bathers. Waikiki, along with any other beaches on



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A statue of Duke Kahanamoku, the father of modern surfing, at Waikiki Beach.

Oahu, is a sun tanners' haven.

31. Diamond Head crater.

Waikiki's gorgeous backdrop is the Diamond Head crater, one of Oahu's enduring landmarks. It is one of the most photographed volcanoes in the world, estimated to be over 200,000 years old but has been extinct for about 150,000 years. British sailors in the early 1800s spotted the volcano and saw how the calcite crystals in the lava rock shimmered from a distance. The British thought they had discovered a huge mountain containing millions of diamonds, thus the name.

32. Climbing Diamond Head.

Hiking to the summit of the 760-foot Diamond Head was a priority on my list. We passed by an access tunnel that bored through the crater, leading us to the visitor center. It didn't matter that we started the Saturday hike at

an unholy hour because the trail never runs out of hikers from all parts of the world. The trail was dry, and we walked under the direct sun about 95 percent of the time. Thank heaven for the bottled water.

After walking on rocks and gravel and some paved spots, we came up to a 225-foot tunnel, followed by a steep 99-step stairs and then a 76-step spiral staircase. Along the way, I was snapping photos of the trails, the hikers and everything there was to photograph. I also used the photo stops to rest. The incredible view from the summit, overlooking Waikiki and Oahu's west side, was worth the hike. The sun and wind were pervasive at the summit, but they couldn't wipe off that big smile on my face.

33. War remnants. Diamond
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A busker costumed as Michael Jackson performs at the International Market Place in the heart of Waikiki.

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Head crater has former military bunkers dating back before World War II. They reminded me of Saipan.

34. Under the tree. One of the best things after a hike is to be able to rest on a bench under the shade of a tree while birds try to mingle with humans against the backdrop of the crater.

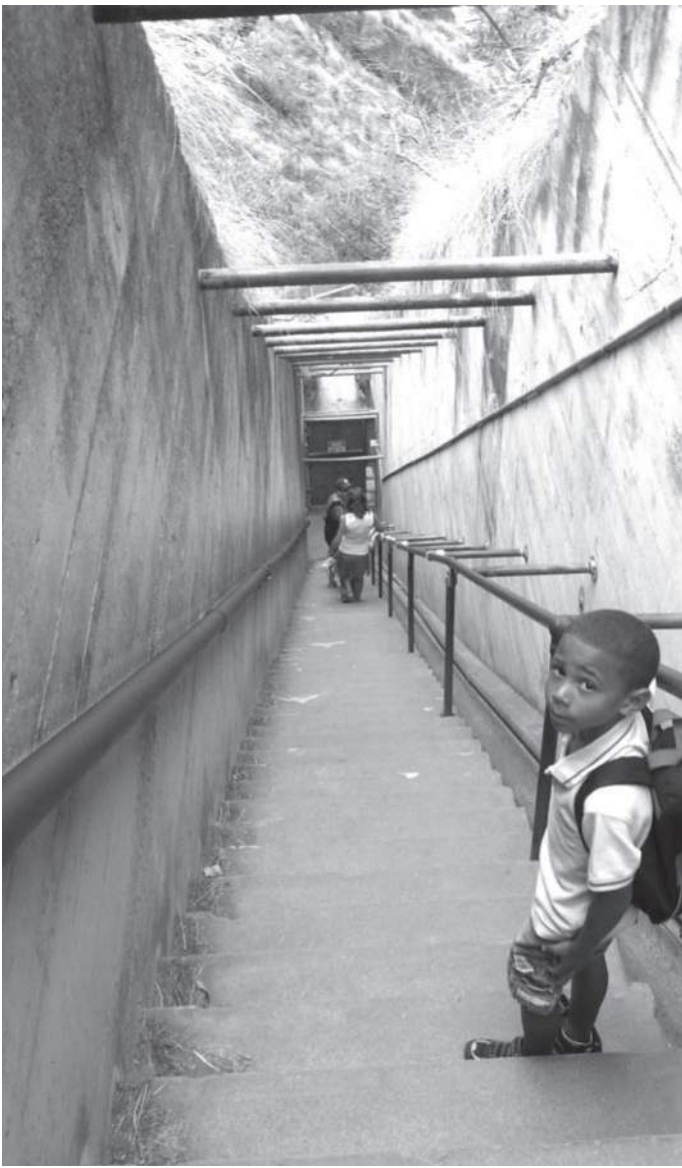
35. Celebrating my birthday. I got another year older in Hawaii on July 16. I have made it a personal tradition to celebrate my birthday in a new place or outside Saipan every year. Hiking the Diamond Head was just one of those things that made my day eventful.

36. Wired world. In this day and age, you can't escape the birthday greetings regardless of the time zone you're in, unless you want to throw away your



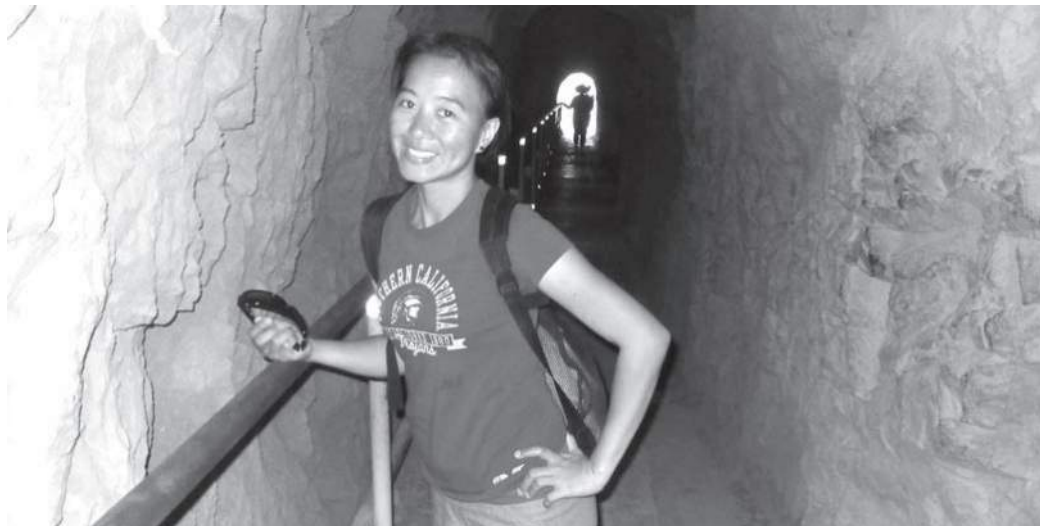
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Tourists and local residents flock daily to the International Market Place, an open-air shopper's mecca under the canopy of a century-old banyan tree.



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A little boy gladly poses for the camera as he descends a steep 90-step stair after climbing the Diamond Head crater's summit.



ONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The author inside a 225-foot tunnel on her way to the Diamond Head crater's summit on her birthday.

mobile phone or laptop.

37. Aloha shirts. They come in all colors and sizes, and you see them worn or on display at shops. Hawaii's iconic Aloha shirts are often brilliantly colored with floral patterns or generic Polynesian motifs and are worn as casual, informal wear.

38. Duke's Waikiki. We ended up at Duke's after a leisurely walk on the white sand of Waikiki Beach after hiking Diamond Head. They say it's always hard to get the best seats at Duke's (so called to honor The Duke) but because it was my lucky day, we had a great view of the water, Diamond Head, and the Hawaiian band playing at the time.

39. 'Pink Hotel.' While most hotels in Waikiki look modern and blend together when seen from a distance, the Royal Hawaiian Hotel will always be a standout; after all, it won't be called the "Pink Palace" for nothing. It was first opened in 1927 and is now on the National Register of Historic Places, built on a site that King Kamehameha I used as a playground after he conquered Oahu.

40. Sheraton Moana. Only one other beachfront hotel was built earlier than the "Pink Hotel," and that's the Sheraton Moana Surfrider Hotel. It opened on March 11, 1901.

41. Margarita on the rocks. No two margarita on the rocks tasted exactly the same in the bars we went to on Oahu.

42. Ahi poke. Where else should you go for an authentic Hawaiian ahi poke than in Hawaii? Poke typically consists of yellowfin tuna marinated in sea salt, a small amount of soy sauce, sesame oil, limu seaweed, and chopped chili pepper. I am still craving for it. With or without rice.

43. Island music. There's always that lovely Hawaiian music in the background, adding to the festive mood at Waikiki.

44. Teddy Bear World. Though I was curious about it the first time I passed by the Teddy Bear World, I didn't get the chance to actually visit it. But the large display windows

already tell you what to expect inside the gift shop—teddy bears in different costumes, telling you different stories.

45. Hula dancer statues. If you pass by the Hilton Hawai-

ian Village in Waikiki, you may want to snap photos of the three hula dancer statues.

46. Trump Tower. On my first Friday on Oahu, my friend brought me to a sixth floor lounge at the Trump International Hotel and Tower to get a good view of the every-Friday fireworks at the Hilton Hawaiian Village and the lovely sunset. Such an evening of fun and laughter over cocktail drinks.

47. Sarento's Top of the 'I'. This restaurant and bar at Ilikai Hotel & Suites not only has sweeping views of the Waikiki Marina and the city, but is also a nice spot to watch the sunset and the Friday night fireworks. The experience of sipping your cocktail drinks on the 30th floor while watching the transformation of the city skyline when darkness falls was worth the long walk to get to the hotel.

48. International Market Place. This open-air center in the middle of Waikiki is a shopper's mecca under the canopy of a century-old banyan tree. With over 130 shops and carts, this is a good place to buy souvenirs or gifts. It also features a variety of local and international cuisine, free Hawaiian entertainment, and amusing street performers.

49. It's a small world. And it was at the International Market Place where I saw Joeten-Kiyu Public Library executive director John Oliver Gonzales and his family. I never thought I'd see familiar Saipan faces during my visit to Oahu.

50. Being a tourist. Nothing beats the feeling of being a tourist in Hawaii. And no press deadlines, no interviews, no rush to reply to emails. I enjoyed every moment of it.

To be continued.



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A local boy takes a plunge into Waikiki's shimmering blue waters.



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A sweeping view of Waikiki from the top of Diamond Head.

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Fear, panic and leadership

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It's an old truism that the stock market balances fear and greed. Lately, fear has come out on top.

On Monday, the first U.S. trading session since Standard & Poor's cut the federal government's credit rating late Friday turned into a rout: The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 634 points, or 5.55 percent. The broader S&P 500 index fell 6.66 percent.

Yet just because speculators were dumping risky assets, everyday Americans should not give in to fear. The economy is better off than the recent performance of the Dow would indicate.

America has problems, and this page frequently cajoles political leaders from President Barack Obama on down to rein in public spending, borrowing and taxpayer debt. Weak political leadership is one of the main reasons for the poor sentiment and low confidence that are sapping the financial markets.

But try to keep the panicky selling of the past week in perspective.

For starters, even as stocks plunged, bonds rallied. Stocks command more public attention, but the performance of Treasury securities was encouraging. Interest rates that taxpayers pay to bond buyers, already low, went lower. The dollar mostly strengthened, though it remains understandably weak in light of a national debt at \$14.3 trillion and counting. Global investors once again turned to the U.S. as a safe haven from the latest financial storm. That reaffirms America's status as the world's No. 1 economy by far.

The investment fundamentals that propelled the market's rally from the depths of the recession in March 2009 remain largely intact. Many of America's most important companies have piled up strong earnings. Exports look solid. Technology is a font of innovation, promising future growth. The biggest banks have made a comeback from their collapse three years ago, courtesy of a taxpayer-led bailout. Despite Monday's stock market plunge, corporate America rests on a more solid footing than even a year ago.

Some of the biggest drags on the economy show signs of bottoming. Although prices may yet go lower in the troubled housing sector, many analysts expect the real estate market to stabilize over the next year or two. Unemployment has leveled off and started to recover — albeit at a sluggish, unsatisfying pace. Consumer spending is barely growing, mostly because Americans spent beyond their means during the boom years. Now they're paying down those debts.

These problems stand to linger, but there is good reason to believe the worst is past.

America's descent into a debt hole comes as no surprise. It took many years of poor stewardship to dig so deep.

President Obama had it right when he interrupted the market's precipitous downward slide Monday to reassure the nation that "markets will rise and fall." But the president veered off course when he indulged in this wishful thinking: "No matter what some agency may say, we've always been and always will be a triple-A country."

The lesson from the latest debacle on Wall Street is that America won't be a triple-A country unless those in power step up to their responsibilities. Fear not for the economy, at least not in the short run. Fear for the nation if its leaders fail to get spending, borrowing and taxpayer debt under control.



A false sense of national security

The raid to kill Osama bin Laden is barely 3 months old, but already it is one of the proudest chapters in the history of the U.S. Special Operations Command—and of the Obama administration. Officials of both organizations have been taking one well-deserved victory lap after another, even going so far as to cooperate (apparently) with a journalist from the New Yorker who has just produced a riveting account of Operation Neptune's Spear. No doubt more books, articles and movies are in the offing. I wouldn't be surprised to see some Navy SEALs writing memoirs or licensing their stories.

There are two major problems with the understandable impulse to pop the champagne cork. In the first place, the officers and officials who are talking may well be compromising important operational details and making it harder to preserve secrecy about future missions—including those that don't go quite as well. Even more worrisome is the possibility that we are being lulled into a false sense of complacency that will allow al-Qaida and other radical groups to stage a resurgence.

U.S. government officials are probably premature when they rush to proclaim, as the Washington Post reported, that al-Qaida is "on the brink of collapse." Such predictions have been made many times before, and each time have been disproved by this terrorist group with its alarming ability to regenerate itself. It does not take much in the way of resources to carry out a terrorist strike (the Sept. 11 operation cost an estimated \$500,000), so al-Qaida does not need much infrastructure to pose a threat. Moreover, al-Qaida is not the only terrorist organization we have to worry about.

Other Islamist extremists are capable of planning attacks with scant direction or assistance from al-Qaida Central. These organizations range from al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula and al-Qaida in Iraq to the Haqqani network, the Afghan Taliban, the Pakistani Taliban, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Hezbollah, Kataib Hezbollah and Hamas. None of these groups have pulled off anything on the scale of Sept. 11, thank goodness, but several of them have undoubtedly killed far more people—and dominated far more territory—than Bin Laden ever did.

Al-Qaida in Iraq managed to take over a substantial portion of the Sunni Muslim areas of Iraq before suffering devastating defeats in 2007 and 2008, but it continues to set off bombs. Hamas has taken over the Gaza Strip and is rapidly building up its arsenal. Hezbollah is the most powerful force in Lebanon and has more missiles than some nation-states. The Pakistani Taliban is steadily undermining the government in Islamabad with one atrocity after another. Lashkar-e-Taiba has almost sparked war between India and Pakistan with its terrorist attacks in India and undoubtedly will strike again. Kataib Hezbollah, along with other Iranian-backed Shiite terrorist groups, is asserting its power in Iraq

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as the U.S. prepares to withdraw.

By focusing too much on al-Qaida and its charismatic founder—now resting at the bottom of the Arabian Sea—we risk not devoting sufficient resources or attention to these other threats, which are less publicized but ultimately may be just as dangerous.

We have already seen one sign of this premature triumphalism: President Obama ordered 30,000 "surge" troops to come home from Afghanistan by September 2012 against the advice of his military commanders. The battle against the Haqqani network and Taliban—two of the most dangerous terrorist groups in the world—is far from won. It will be much harder to defeat bin Laden's allies in Afghanistan with the U.S. force reduced by a third before the end of next summer's fighting season.

Defenders of the administration's al-Qaida-centric approach may argue that only al-Qaida has shown the will and capacity to strike the American homeland. But other groups are targeting us as well, and sooner or later they may succeed: Faisal Shahzad, who tried to blow up a car bomb in Times Square last year, was trained and funded by the Pakistani Taliban. Also in 2010, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula tried to mail bombs to the U.S. that could have blown up passenger aircraft in midair. All it would take would be one such terrorist success to dispel the current complacency.

History, I fear, may be repeating itself. President George W. Bush and his Defense secretary, Donald Rumsfeld, appeared to be transfixed by early military successes in Iraq and Afghanistan, and in particular the successes of the Special Operations Command. Remember the hoopla over the "horse soldiers," the Green Berets on horseback who called in the airstrikes that toppled the Taliban in the fall of 2001. Or the hype over Saddam Hussein being pulled out of his spider hole by soldiers of the same Joint Special Operations Command that killed bin Laden. This created a mind-set of triumphalism embodied in the famous "Mission Accomplished" banner displayed behind Bush when he welcomed the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln home from the Persian Gulf.

Sen. Obama later mocked Bush for prematurely claiming victory. But now President Obama, or at least his aides, may be making the same mistake.

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Cluster alliances

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Many business owners tend to spend less money and effort on marketing in a tough economy, which only exacerbates an already difficult situation. There are many ways to market your business more effectively without spending more money and one of the most effective methods is to develop a strategic alliance.

Strategic alliances follow the principle of using other people's assets, in a mutually beneficial way. The two companies that work together are not competitive, but complimentary. These companies can be at a different stage in the purchasing process, as in the case with someone remodeling a home. They may need a plumber and carpenter to complete their project so the two businesses can work together by sharing their leads or customers.

Other companies may have an advanced distribution system, products, or manufacturing methods that they can leverage to work with other companies. You see these partnerships all the time. For example, when you go to a McDonald's restaurant, it is common for them to have decorations or Happy Meal toys that are from a newly released movie. McDonald's benefits by having popular toys that attract young customers, and the movie benefits by getting more publicity and word-of-mouth exposure when the child takes the toy over to a friend's house. By working together, these companies are able to save time and money, as well as increase sales.

Rick was a client who owned a jewelry store and much of his business came from engaged couples, particularly the soon-to-be groom who purchased an engagement ring. His challenge was to effectively market to couples who were in the market for a ring. He felt his only solution was to spend a lot of money on mass media to keep the name of his store on the minds of couples. This was not

only expensive, but it was difficult to track and know which of the media was more effective.

As I brainstormed with him, I realized that a lot of my other clients also had engaged couples as their target market. These were businesses such as photographers, caterers, a bridal gown store, and a cake decorator. My solution for him was to form multiple strategic alliances with other businesses that clustered around the specific target market of engaged couples. I call this model a cluster alliance. I approached many of my clients as well as new businesses that would form a good fit for the concept. The initial project worked okay, but it needed to be fine-tuned to make it more effective.

It took several months, but I finally perfected a method that easily and effectively captured the leads of couples and then those leads were shared with my clients. Initially, there were over 20 businesses in the cluster alliance, and they each paid a monthly fee to be a part of the group. It was so effective that practically no one left. The concept was eventually expanded in two other areas with more than 50 businesses participating.

People create informal cluster alliances through networking groups or because they've formed friendships with other business owners who can benefit from some asset they control. What if you could purposefully create a cluster alliance that was mutually beneficial to all who participated? The group could meet regularly to share leads, or there could be a formal agreement to pay a commission on any sale from the lead of one of the alliance members.

Think of your different customer groups and what they have in common. Next, think about other businesses that are complimentary to your own, and that have the same target market. Get together for lunch and explain the cluster alliance concept and brainstorm some ideas about the best way to share your leads with each other. You may also want to discuss the best method of compensation if a lead results in a sale. Be sure to treat each business as an equal and make the compensation fair to everyone.

Encourage each participating business to recommend participating businesses to each other. If you want to keep it simple, you can purchase a rack that displays several business cards, collect the business cards from each participant, and then display the cards of each business at the point of sale.

I can tell you that a cluster alliance, whether it's formal or informal, will be the most cost-effective marketing strategies you can use to effectively attract your customers to your business. It can be ongoing and provide leads for many years if you set it up right from the beginning.

Where have all the leaders gone? Not to D.C.

By BOB RAY SANDERS

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

My first visit to the U.S. Capitol was in 1971. From the moment I set foot in the place, I was captivated by its majesty.

Although impressed with the building's sheer beauty and grandeur, I was awed when I looked down to the floor of the Upper House from the Senate gallery and saw Sen. Edward Kennedy making a speech.

I considered that highlight to be an omen; I was meant to have a special connection with this magnificent place. And I did, in many subsequent visits over the years.

In 1974, I was in Washington, the day President Richard Nixon resigned. A few days later, I was compelled to stand on the Capitol steps as President Gerald Ford addressed a joint session of Congress. I listened to his speech over portable radios that other visitors had with them that night.

During the summer and fall of 1986, I spent a lot of time in the building while working on a TV documentary for PBS about my congressman, Majority Leader Jim Wright, who was destined to become speaker of the House.

I was given unprecedented access to places, events and meetings, including private conversations between the leader and other members of the House and Senate. Our camera crew, for example, was the first to videotape a meeting of the Rules Committee.

It was an incredible time; people from both parties worked together. Several times I saw Wright and Minority Leader Bob Michel joking around before a vote on the floor although they differed on many issues.

The camaraderie didn't get in the way of leadership; it enhanced it. I was present in the House chamber the January 1987 day when Wright was sworn in as Speaker. It was one of the proudest days of my life.

Just before leaving his office for the swearing-in ceremony, I heard the leader say to an aide something to the effect of "make sure Bob Michel is treated with respect."

After Wright became Speaker, I rode to the White House with him and Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y. They were going to talk to President Ronald Reagan about a proposed omnibus drug bill.

During the drive to and from the meeting, it was obvious from the conversation that the two Democratic leaders had strong differences with the Republican president, but throughout that political fight they showed incredible respect for the office of the presidency.

I think about those times in that Capitol building and those leaders—who walked those halls, ate together in the Congressional Dining Room and debated masterfully and respectfully on the floor of the House—and I wonder: What happened?

Where did the civility go? Whatever happened to statesmanship, much less leadership?

I still love that grand white building, but I've come to despise much of what goes on under its elegant dome. Many of the people who occupy it turn my stomach with their petty and pretentious actions, more concerned about making political points than doing the nation's business.

The shenanigans displayed in the past few weeks during the fight to raise the nation's debt ceiling and to extend the authority of the Federal Aviation Administration were disgraceful.

I'm not the only one who feels this way. The latest New York Times/CBS News polls shows Americans' disapproval of Congress at its highest level ever, a whopping 82 percent. Only 14 percent of respondents approve of the job Congress is doing.

That ought to send a message.

When President Barack Obama called on Americans to contact their congressional members during the final days of the debt ceiling fiasco, they did just that and their representatives heard them. It's too bad our leaders' actions already had damaged the country's reputation and showed the world that we indeed have a dysfunctional government.

The Congress is out of session for a month. That's the good news.

The bad news is members return in September, and it's likely to be business as usual.

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Letters to the Editor

One CNMI

This summer I had the fortunate opportunity to attend Stanford for a Summer Program sponsored by JSA — Be the People. Before the actual program started, I, along with other CNMI and U.S. territory students, had a generous week to prepare for the summer program in order for us to get used to the time difference and whatnot. I had just read Tuesday's article on casinos on Saipan and I couldn't help but think about what one of my professors of the Prep Program had taught us—the definition and true meaning of the word "representation." He said that representation is serving the people, listening to them, gaining their trust, and fulfilling their best interests. So I still don't know why the Legislature is still discussing this whole legalizing casino gambling on Saipan issue. The people of Saipan have voted against it—TWICE. I also had the opportunity to attend the UP Close Program Forum a few months ago and heard many students voice their opinions against it as well.

Now let me reiterate my opinion on the matter. Like I had said at the Up Close Program, we need to look at this situation as if we were teachers, responsible for the productivity and growth of three students: Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Saipan, we've noticed, is a lot more advanced and has great advantages but Tinian and Rota, on the other hand, are developing slowly and do not have the same advantages as Saipan. Now whom should we pay more attention, more time, more money on? The advanced student or the disadvantaged ones? I had read in the article and have been reading comments about how it'll benefit the "CNMI" but never have I read any benefits a casino on Saipan would have for Tinian and Rota. We need to understand that Tinian and Rota are struggling much more than Saipan is, with their limited transportation and high cost of importing goods. What these disadvantaged islands are mostly banking on are Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, which brings in the tourists that the island relies on greatly, and Rota's developing casino industry. Won't it be that if there is a casino on Saipan, Tinian and Rota would be damaged greatly and would have to rely on Saipan? This is the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands—and even if Saipan houses our capital, we should work *together* to better our economy.

Marquina Mendiola Hofschneider

Marpo Valley, Tinian

Reply to Mr. Jack Romolor

Thank you also for being honest about not watching Fox News. I could tell you don't and that's why I suggested you watch it. Whenever I see someone make bad remarks about Fox, I know they don't watch it but rather they follow the liberal news channels where they are told not to watch Fox—I have been told. Today John Carey said the media should not give equal time to the Republicans/tea party, etc., because they have nothing important to say. Wow, how liberal is that?

I am retired military with 27 and a half years' experience, from Sept. 5, 1956 to summer 1996. Military actions are expensive no matter who is president. The equipment is specialized and expensive but built to last under rough conditions. I am a former Marine, member of the Air National Guard, and retired from the Army National Guard. I will stop with telling you war is expensive. Take a swim out to that old WWII tank across the road from MHS and you will see the steel monster is built to last—it didn't come cheap.

You said that the Republicans used the hijacked plane hitting the Pentagon as an excuse for not giving the true amount for Iraq. The planes on 9/11 started the war on terrorism, then came Iraq several years later, so your source for that is totally wrong. My fuzzy math is my fault as I typed in *trillion* instead of *billion*. Sound better?

Still Obama has out-spent all other presidents. Just this week, Standard & Poor's downgraded U.S. credit rating for the first time in our history. Meanwhile Obama and the Dems were calling the tea party and Republicans terrorists for making them cut spending. Under Obama, the U.S.A. is broke and downgraded! When Obama became president, Jaime Vargara said "We are on our way" and with Obama at the wheel and the Republicans in the back seat (Obama's words) he drove the government not only into the ditch but into the swamp that Nancy Palosi couldn't drain.

Mr. Romolor, I am not sure that America can last until the 2012 election and we get a new president.






Franklin Keiper

Mayer, Arizona

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
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Micronesia

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Palau	Rain	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 90 ▼ 76
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 82 ▼ 76
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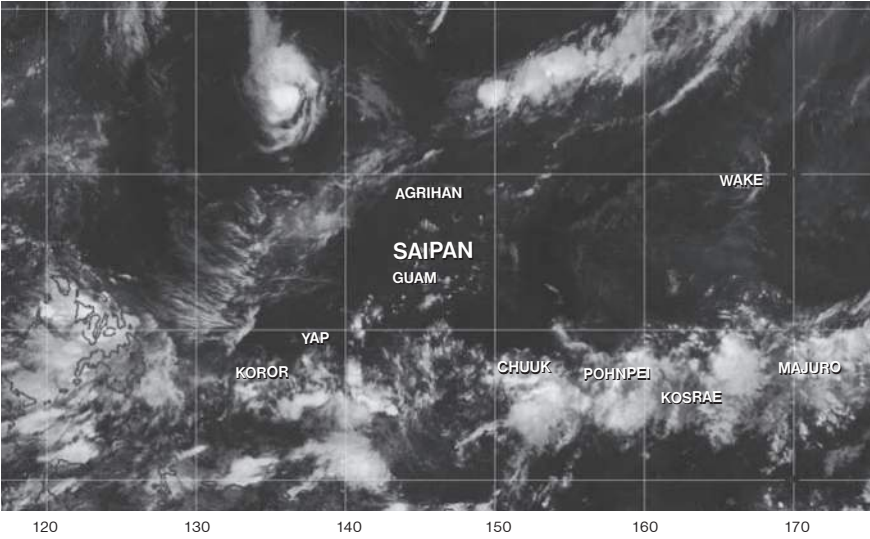
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London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▼ 56
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 77 ▼ 60
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 78
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Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 79
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Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 79
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 74 ▼ 58
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 76
Rome	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 68
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲ 78 ▼ 56
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 61 ▼ 54
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▼ 73

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
4:32 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
12:11 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet	
7:22 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Newly-formed Tropical Depression 13W is centered west of Iwo To island at 24N137E and is moving north at 15 mph with maximum sustained winds of 30 mph. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring north of a line from 23N135E to 24N138E. For more information on Tropical Depression 13W, see advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM or bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW. A surface trough extends east-northeastward from 22N146E to a circulation centered near 25N150E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found north of a line from 24N148E to 24N153E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Yap and Koror within an area bounded by a line from 5N135E to 7N143E to EQ144E to EQ139E back to 5N135E and south of a line from 1N130E to 1N135E. A weak circulation is found west-southwest of Chuuk at 7N149E. A surface trough extends east-northeastward from the circulation to 10N169E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found near Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae and Kwajalein between 4N and 9N from 151E to 169E. Trade-wind convergence east of the Marshall Islands is producing scattered showers near Majuro within 150 miles of a line from 7N170E to 10N180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:02 AM	6:43 PM
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Saturday	6:02 AM	6:42 PM
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Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:42 PM	3:26 AM
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Sunday	6:50 PM	6:07 AM
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Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
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Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
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Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
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Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
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Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
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Business

Stocks soar after Fed pledges low rates into '13

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve guaranteed super-low interest rates for two more years Tuesday—an unprecedented step to arrest the alarming decline of the stock market and the economy. Wall Street roared its approval and finished a wild day with a 429-point gain.

The rally was remarkably fast—the Dow Jones industrial average was still down for the day with less than an hour of trading to go—and enough to erase two-thirds of its decline the day before.

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SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices rose to near \$82 a barrel Wednesday in Asia after the U.S. central bank said it expects lending rates to stay low for the next two years.

Benchmark oil for September delivery was up \$2.64 to \$81.94 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercan-



Donald Civitanova, left, and Philip Carone watch screens as they work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011.

tile Exchange. Crude fell \$2.01 to settle at \$79.30 on Tuesday. In London, Brent crude was up \$1.81 at \$104.38 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange. The U.S. Federal Reserve said Tuesday it plans to keep its interest rates low until at least 2013, news that helped

calm investors nervous the economy could be heading for recession.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 4 percent Tuesday, reversing earlier losses after the Fed statement. Asian stock markets were mostly higher Wednesday.

A report showing an unexpected decline in U.S. crude supplies also helped push oil prices higher.

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The Fed set its target for interest rates near zero in 2008 as a response to the financial crisis that fall. Since then, it had said only that rates would stay low for an "extended period." On Tuesday, it guaranteed them until mid-2013.

But it was also a sign that the Fed expects the economy to stay weak for two more years, longer than the Fed had previously indicated. It has already been more than two years since the end of the Great Recession.

The central bank left open the possibility of a third round of bond purchases designed to hold interest rates down and push stock prices up. The second round, announced last year, led to an extended rally for the stock market.

In an unusually volatile day of trading, the Dow finished up 429.92 points, or about 4 percent. It closed at 11,239.77. The Standard & Poor's 500 index finished up 4.7 percent, and the Nasdaq finished up 5.3 percent.

Boy or girl? A simple test raises ethical concerns

CHICAGO (AP)—Boy or girl? A simple blood test in mothers-to-be can answer that question with surprising accuracy at about seven weeks, a research analysis has found.

Though not widely offered by U.S. doctors, gender-detecting blood tests have been sold online to consumers for the past few years. Their promises of early and accurate results prompted genetics researchers to take a closer look.

They analyzed 57 published studies of gender testing done in rigorous research or academic settings—though not necessarily the same methods or conditions used by direct-to-consumer firms.

The authors say the results suggest blood tests like those studied could be a breakthrough for women at risk of having babies with certain diseases, who could



This undated photo provided Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011, by Santa Clara, Calif.-based Consumer Genetics Inc., shows the packaging for the company's "early gender" blood test called "Pink or Blue."

avoid invasive procedures if they learned their fetus was a gender not affected by those illnesses. But the study raises concerns about couples using such tests for gender selection and abortion.

Couples who buy tests from marketers should be questioned about how they plan to use the results, the study authors said.

The analyzed test can detect fetal DNA in mothers' blood. It's about 95 percent accurate at identifying gender when women are at least seven weeks' pregnant—more than one month

before conventional methods. Accuracy of the testing increases as pregnancy advances, the researchers concluded.

Conventional procedures, typically done for medical reasons, can detect gender starting at about 10 weeks.

The new analysis, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, involved more than 6,000 pregnancies. The testing used a lab procedure called PCR that detects genetic material—in this case, the male Y chromosome. If present in the mother's blood, she's carrying a boy, but if absent, it's a girl.

Tests that companies sell directly to consumers were not examined in the analysis. Sex-detection tests using mothers' urine or blood before seven weeks of pregnancy were not accurate, the researchers said.

Singapore cuts forecasts for economy, exports

SINGAPORE (AP)—Export reliant Singapore cut its 2011 economic growth and trade forecasts Wednesday amid growing fears consumer demand from the U.S. and Europe could be weaker than previously expected.

Gross domestic product should grow between 5 percent and 6 percent this year, down from a previous forecast of as much as 7 percent, the Trade and Industry Ministry said.

The ministry also reduced its growth forecast for non-oil domestic exports to between 6 percent and 7 percent from an earlier prediction of between 8 percent and 10 percent.

"Concerns of a double-dip recession in the U.S. have emerged, as upcoming plans for fiscal consolidation and weak labor and housing markets dampen consumer and business sentiments," the ministry said. "The recent

downgrade of the U.S. sovereign debt rating has led to financial market volatility and increased uncertainties."

Singapore's economy—which relies on manufacturing, tourism and finance—is one of the most sensitive in Asia to global growth. The city-state suffered a brief but sharp recession in the first half of 2009 in the wake of the global financial crisis, but roared back with 15 percent growth last year.

The city-state's economy grew 0.9 percent in the April to June period from a year earlier, more than the 0.5 percent growth in preliminary results released last month, the ministry said. The economy contracted a seasonally adjusted and annualized 6.5 percent from the first quarter, better than the 7.8 percent drop initially announced.

Manufacturing slid 5.9 percent in the second quarter from a year earlier while services grew 3.9 percent and construction expanded 1.5 percent, the ministry said.

Prestigious AIF training set in Manila in October

Cited by the U.S. Financial Planning Magazine as one of the 10 most wanted designations in the investment field, the Accredited Investment Fiduciary Designation is the next step for investment professionals who wish to perform their fiduciary responsibilities following only the highest standards and best practices in the industry.

With the aim of providing the best training programs and forums for fiduciaries in the region, the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies is holding its biggest yet Pacific Region Investment Conference. This year, APAFS has partnered with Fi360 to bring an additional two days of AIF training spearheaded by Blaine Aikin, the primary architect of the AIFA program and a major contributor to the development of the Fiduciary Excellence concept, which is the heart of Fi360 products and services. Aikin, an Accredited Investment Fiduciary Analyst, Certified Financial Planner, and Chartered Financial Analyst, is also set to keynote the 11th PRIC.

Daniel Roland, CIMA, executive director of APAFS said, "APAFS is bringing the AIF training program to the Pacific region to provide the region's trustees with the training they need to step up to a new level of industry standards and enhance their capabilities as fiduciaries. Receiving the AIF certification will demonstrate that you can meet the demanding expectations of an increasingly cautious

market and allow you to earn their trust while performing your fiduciary responsibilities at the highest level."

AIF training guarantees the participants to be able to articulate the legal and regulatory environment impacting the fiduciary; determine the prudent process that an investment fiduciary should follow; conduct a fiduciary review; prepare investment policy statements; implement an investment strategy; conduct due diligence on investment advisers, financial planners, and fund managers; implement socially responsible investment strategies; monitor and supervise the activities of an investment program; analyze an investment programs' expenses and fees; deliver performance measurement reports; and customize services to different market segments.

APAFS now opens the registration for the PRIC and the Fi360 AIF Training Program, which will be held on Oct. 20-21 and Oct. 18-19, 2011, respectively. Both events will be held at the New World Makati City Hotel, Philippines. Fees and more information about the AIF Training Program and the PRIC can be found at www.apafs.org.

PRIC is the organization's annual initiative to help improve investment performance by providing educational forums for fiduciaries in the region. To learn more about APAFS and its events and conferences, log on to www.apafs.org. (PR)

STOCK PORTFOLIO

A bar chart with three bars of increasing height, representing a positive trend in stock performance.

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW 11,239.80 429.92 3.98%	S&P 1,172.53 53.07 4.74%	NASDAQ 2,482.52 124.83 5.29%
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Australian Dollar	0.9657	Singapore Dollar	1.2096
British Pound	0.6143	South Korean Won	1,080.745
Canadian Dollar	0.9808	Swiss Franc	0.7269
Chinese Yuan	6.4160	Taiwan Dollar	28.9560
Euro	0.6969	Thailand Baht	29.8300

Nation

Polygamist leader gets life in prison for assault

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP)—Polygamist leader Warren Jeffs recorded everything he said. Thousands of pages, written

with Biblical flourish, about God wanting him to take 12-year-old wives. About those girls needing to sexually please him. About

men he banished for not building his temple fast enough.

Facing his last chance to keep his freedom, Jeffs didn't say a word.

He was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday for sexually assaulting one of his child brides—among 24 underage wives prosecutors said Jeffs collected—and received the maximum 20-year punishment on a separate child sex conviction. Jeffs, 55, will not be eligible for parole until he is at least 100 years old.

The head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints made no plea for leniency. He ordered his attorneys not to call witnesses during the sentencing phase, and forbade them from making a closing argument Tuesday.

Less than half an hour later, jurors returned with the harshest punishment possible.

Wis. GOP holds off Democrats in recall elections

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—Republicans held onto control of the Wisconsin Senate on Tuesday, beating back four Democratic challengers in a recall election despite an intense political backlash against GOP support for Gov. Scott Walker's effort to curb public employees' union rights.

Fueled by millions of dollars from national labor groups, the attempt to remove GOP incumbents served as both a referendum on Walker's conservative revolution and could provide a new gauge of the public mood less than a year after Republicans made sweeping gains in this state and many others.

Two Democratic incumbents face recalls next week, but even if Democrats win those they will still be in the minority.

"He's a pervert, and the crazy thing is, he perverted his own religion," his sister, Elaine Jeffs, said after the sentencing. Nearby, police escorted her brother into a waiting patrol car.

Elaine Jeffs, who left the FLDS in 1984, watched the end to an often bizarre and graphic two-week trial. Other onlookers included one of Jeffs' top lieutenants and state caseworkers who rounded up nearly 400 children during a 2008 raid at the sect's Texas ranch. There were a handful of spectators as well, including a retired couple who also sat in on the Casey Anthony trial in Florida.

Despite the convictions and life sentence, Jeffs remains in control of the FLDS and its roughly 10,000 followers. His most devoted consider him God's spokesman on earth and a prophet, but his followers

were absent in court for the bulk of the trial.

Jeffs sometimes was, too. He boycotted the sentencing phase, remaining in a courthouse holding cell, and refused to answer state District Judge Barbara Walther when directly questioned Tuesday. Jeffs had represented himself during the conviction phase, and often interrupted court proceedings by contending that he was being persecuted for his religious beliefs.

The FLDS is a radical offshoot of mainstream Mormonism and believes polygamy brings exaltation in heaven. In closing arguments, prosecutors rejected the idea that the sect had been targeted.

"The evidence in this case shows that this isn't a prosecution of a people," prosecutor Eric Nichols said. "This is a prosecution to protect people."

about the workers' rights, so to speak. But that has not been brought up one time. It's all been misleading, the attack ads, things like that," Gill said. "The one reason they started this recall, they didn't bring up once."

Until this year, there had been only 20 attempts since 1913 to recall any of the nation's state lawmakers from office. Just 13 of the efforts were successful.

Also winning on Tuesday was Democratic state Rep. Jennifer Shilling of La Crosse, defeating incumbent Republican Sen. Dan Kapanke, who had been in the Senate since 2004. The other Republican ousted was first-term incumbent Sen. Randy Hopper of Fond du Lac, defeated by Democrat Jessica King, the former deputy mayor of Oshkosh.

Jurors ignored reporters after the sentencing, quickly walking to their cars that were parked single-file in a blocked-off street and driving away.

ACROSS THE NATION

Caylee Anthony's grandparents, crowd mark birthday

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—The grandparents of Caylee Anthony, the toddler whose death led to the year's most high-profile murder trial, gathered with more than 100 members of the public to commemorate what would have been the child's sixth birthday. The Orlando Sentinel reports (<http://thesentinel.com/peReRw>) that the crowd met Tuesday in George and Cindy Anthony's Orlando-area neighborhood, near a wooded area where the little girl's remains were found in December 2008. "This is the first time I've been here in so long," George Anthony told reporters a few feet from where his granddaughter's body was found. "It's hard to come here."

Woman ends record attempt to swim from Cuba to US

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP)—The currents in the Florida Straits finally proved stronger than the determination that had pushed Diana Nyad across vast stretches of open water before. Nyad, 61, stroked through shoulder pain and floated on her back when asthma made it difficult for her to breathe on the attempt to swim from Cuba to Key West that she began Sunday. She said she pictured herself emerging from the water onto the beach and vowed to doggy-paddle there, if that was what it took. She swam right through a smack of stinging jellyfish. But by early Tuesday, trembling in the water, the record-setting marathon swimmer knew she had to stop, even though it meant giving up on her dream.

Attorney: Device at airport was welding material

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—A Kentucky man's attorney says welding material he was carrying in his luggage prompted an evacuation at the Omaha airport. Gabriel Copley, of Mount Sterling, Ky., is charged with possession of a destructive device. He was arrested Saturday after screeners found the suspicious item, believed to be a homemade firework, prompting an evacuation at Eppley Airfield. Copley's attorney, James Martin Davis, told KMTV-TV that he wrapped welding material together with duct tape. Davis said Copley was going to use it on the Fourth of July but forgot about it.



AP

Polygamist religious leader Warren Jeffs is walked from the Tom Green County Courthouse, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011 after a jury took just 40 minutes to give him life in prison for one count of sexual assault of a child and one count of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Military launches probe into helicopter crash

WASHINGTON (AP)—The military has opened an investigation into Saturday's devastating helicopter crash in eastern Afghanistan that killed 30 U.S. troops and eight Afghans.

Pentagon officials would not discuss the details of the probe, but it will no doubt address a host of questions surrounding the crash, including a look at the insurgent threat and the instructions given to the special operations team crowded into the Chinook helicopter as it raced to assist other U.S. forces.

According to officials, the team, which included 22 Navy SEAL personnel, three Air Force troops, a five-member Army air crew and a military dog, was flying in to help U.S. Army Rangers who were going after insurgents on the ground. Seven Afghan commandos and an Afghan interpreter were also on board.

The helicopter apparently was shot down by an insurgent armed with a rocket-propelled grenade. It was the single deadliest loss in the decade-long war.

Gen. James Mattis, head of U.S. Central Command, has

appointed Army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Colt to lead the investigation. Colt is deputy commander of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.

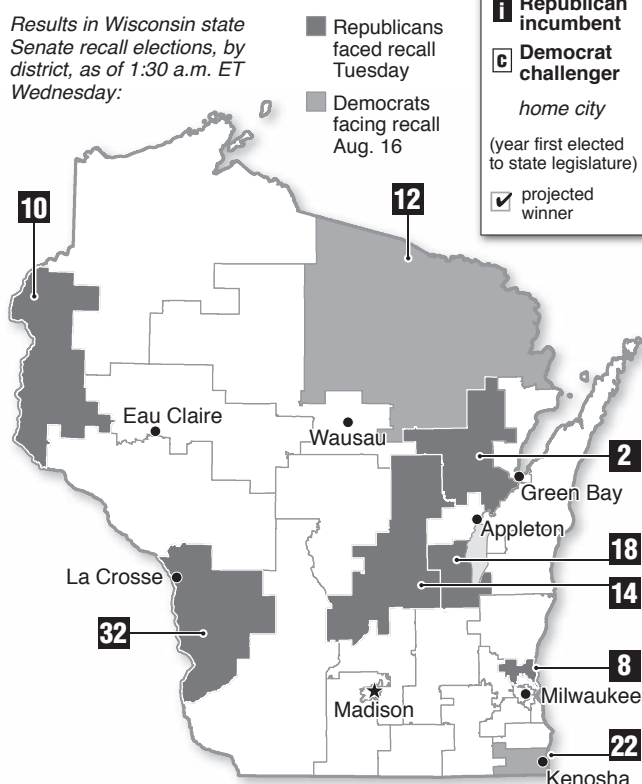
The investigation comes as the remains of the troops killed in the deadliest incident of the Afghan war came home Tuesday—shrouded in secrecy by a Defense Department that has refused so far to release the names of the fallen and denied media coverage of the arrival at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

Two C-17 aircraft carrying the remains of the 30 U.S. troops killed the crash arrived late Tuesday morning and were met by President Barack Obama, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen and a number of other military leaders.

The helicopter crashed as it attempted to land in the Tangi Valley, a dangerous region in Wardak province, where coalition forces were engaged in a firefight with insurgents. The mission was targeting a Taliban leader believed to be in the mountainous and militant-riddled Sayd Abad district of Wardak.

Dairyland showdown

Results in Wisconsin state Senate recall elections, by district, as of 1:30 a.m. ET Wednesday:



Asia

China launches sea trials of its first carrier

BEIJING (AP)—China's first aircraft carrier swept through fog-shrouded waters Wednesday to open sea trials that underline the country's big naval ambitions and fuel concerns about its growing military strength amid regional territorial disputes.

The ship is former Soviet craft that China acknowledged a month ago it was rebuilding for research and training, in a strong indication that it plans to start building aircraft carriers of its own.

China has been investing heavily in modernizing its military for at least the last decade, and having its own carrier will add prestige to that expansion, which has accompanied a rise in nationalism in the country.

The carrier left Dalian port in northeast Liaoning province early Wednesday, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Xinhua said the first sea trial was in line with the country's schedule to rebuild the carrier. China has spent the better part of a decade refurbishing the former Soviet aircraft carrier Varyag after it was towed from Ukraine in 1998, the report said, citing unnamed military sources.

China's carrier ambitions have sparked concern among neighbors amid heightened tensions over territorial disputes



AP
In this photo taken on Aug. 6, 2011, a Chinese aircraft carrier, which had been under refurbishment, is docked at Dalian port in northeast Liaoning province.

around Taiwan and in the South China Sea.

Over the past year, China has seen a flare-up in territorial spats with Japan, the Philippines and Vietnam and had its relations strained with South Korea—all of which have sought support from Washington, long the pre-eminent naval power in Asia.

Xinhua said refitting and test work would continue on the carrier when it returns from its short sea trial.

The Varyag, yet to be officially renamed, was towed from Ukraine as an empty shell with-

out engines, weapons systems or other crucial equipment.

Defense experts say China plans up to four carriers in all, with preparations under way at a Shanghai shipyard.

The Xinhua report did not

say how long the sea trial would last. But a statement posted on the website of the Liaoning Maritime Safety Authority said "all vessels will be barred from entering" a small section of the sea off Dalian until 6 p.m. (1000

GMT) on Sunday.

There had been earlier online reports in China that the test was set to start last weekend, but it may have been delayed by a tropical storm that swept through the area.

Japan to lift some nuclear evacuation advisories

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's government has decided to lift evacuation advisories in some areas more than 12 miles (20 kilometers) from the damaged Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant, opening the way for tens of thousands of people to return home, officials said Tuesday.

The advisories warned residents to be prepared to leave in case of worsening conditions at the plant. Although only a warning, many people fled their homes out of fear for their safety or because mandatory evacuation orders in nearby areas deprived them of city services.

Officials said the lifting will allow about 25,000 people covered by the advisories to return home in about a month.

A 12-mile no-go zone, in place since the March 11 earthquake and tsunami sent the nu-

clear plant into a meltdown, will remain in force. Officials said mandatory evacuation orders will also remain in place in several high-radiation areas outside the 12-mile exclusion zone.

The massive quake and subsequent tsunami destroyed power and cooling functions at the nuclear plant, causing three reactor cores to melt and triggering fires and explosions that spread large amounts of radioactive particles outside the complex.

More than 80,000 residents fled their homes after the disaster. Tens of thousands remain unable to return because of the radiation threat.

Officials at Tokyo Electric Power Co., the utility that operates the plant, and the government have said in recent weeks that the reactors have stabilized and the amount of radiation be-

ing released is now minimal.

"We have hoped to let evacuees return to their ordinary lives as soon as possible. It took five months to finally start the process," said Goshi Hosono, a Cabinet minister in charge of the nuclear crisis. "We will carry this out very cautiously."

Officials say most of the radiation in the reactor cores leaked out earlier in the crisis and what's left inside does not pose much danger. TEPCO has been injecting nitrogen into the reactors as a precaution to prevent further hydrogen explosions, said Osamu Suda, a Cabinet Office official in charge of evacuees.

Areas where the evacuation advisories are being lifted must work out plans within several weeks to decontaminate buildings and restart public services

for the returning residents, Suda said. A government panel is currently compiling guidelines for the decontamination to address concerns from residents and support their resettlement process.

Also Tuesday, officials said they are considering allowing residents of areas within a 1.9-mile (3-kilometer) radius of the plant to make their first brief visit to their homes later this month.

Residents of the no-go zone and other high-risk areas will not be able to move back to their homes at least until the crippled reactors are stabilized further, Suda said. TEPCO and the government plan to bring the reactors to that status by early January.

Some experts say that target is too ambitious.

US drone strike kills 20 militants in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—American-fired missiles killed 20 Islamist militants in northwest Pakistan on Wednesday, most of them members of a powerful insurgent network fighting the U.S. presence in Afghanistan, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

Two missiles slammed into a house close to the town of Miran Shah in North Waziristan, a militant hotspot that lies just across the border from Afghanistan, the officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not au-

thorized to speak to the media.

They said 14 of the dead were Afghan militants belonging to the Haqqani network, a Taliban-linked militant faction fighting the U.S. in Afghanistan.

Six were Pakistani militants supporting the group, which America regards as one of its deadliest foes in Afghanistan, they said.

It was not possible to independently confirm the officials' account of the attack because the region is too dangerous for independent reporting.

Locals and rights groups say civilians are regularly killed in the drone strikes. There are never public investigations into those claims.

Washington began the missile program that targets al-Qaida and the Taliban on the Pakistani side of the border in 2005, but stepped up the pace in 2008 and again when the Obama administration came into office. At peak times, there can be as many as three or four strikes per week.

U.S. officials do not publicly talk about the covert, CIA-run

program, but privately say it is crucial to keeping al-Qaida under pressure in one of its main international sanctuaries, as well as weakening insurgent factions in Afghanistan.

But the program is a source of tension between the U.S. and Pakistan, which protests the strikes, saying they fuel militancy in the country. Over the last six months, ties between the two nations have grown increasingly strained, complicating U.S. goals for withdrawing from Afghanistan.

ASIAN BRIEFS

India's parliament stalls over corruption scandals

NEW DELHI (AP)—Angry opposition lawmakers are paralyzing India's parliament with screaming demonstrations against the government that make it nearly impossible to get any work accomplished. The protesters are demanding the resignation of New Delhi's top elected official over her role supervising last year's expensive and scandal-ridden Commonwealth Games. The speakers of both houses of parliament adjourned their Wednesday morning sessions within minutes after screaming opposition lawmakers drowned out officials who were trying to conduct business. The winter session of parliament collapsed amid similar protests against corruption. This session was expected to deal with important bills relating to food security, land acquisition and the creation of a national ombudsman.

Filipino Muslim rebels clash over land; 6 killed

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Two commanders from the Philippines' largest Muslim rebel group have clashed in a dayslong land feud that has killed six combatants and displaced hundreds of villagers in the southern Philippines. Von Al Haq, a spokesman for the 11,000-strong Moro Islamic

Liberation Front, said Wednesday that one of the group's commanders, Adzme Kasim, and a rival from a guerrilla faction have been clashing since the weekend, with dozens of their men exchanging gun and mortar fire in Datu Piang town. The government's chief negotiator, Marvic Leonen, has expressed concern over frequent infighting in the group, with which Manila has resumed peace talks. Military spokesman Col. Prudencio Asto says troops are standing by and could intervene if the fighting escalates.

7 carjackers killed in Philippine shootouts

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Police say at least seven suspected carjackers have been killed in two shootouts in the Philippine capital. A police officer and a bystander were wounded by gunfire. Police criminal investigation chief Samuel Pagdilao says police killed five suspected carjackers in suburban Quezon City early Wednesday. Police cordoned off the busy highway, where the shootout happened. Police officer Jaime Santos says that in a separate clash in the Makati financial district Wednesday, police killed two of several carjackers in a van. One of those killed escaped but was gunned down by SWAT members in a creek. The events snarled rush-hour traffic.

World

Police calm London, but riots flare across UK

LONDON (AP)—Thousands more police officers flooded London streets Tuesday in a bid to end Britain's worst rioting in a generation as nervous shopkeepers closed early and some residents stood guard to protect their neighborhoods. An eerie calm prevailed in the city, but unrest spread across central and northern England on a fourth night of violence driven by poor, diverse and brazen crowds of young people.

Scenes of ransacked stores, torched cars and blackened buildings frightened and outraged Britons just a year before London is to host the summer Olympic Games, and brought demands for a tougher response from law enforcement.

London's Metropolitan Police department put thousands more officers in the streets and said that by Wednesday there would be 16,000—almost triple the number present Monday. The department said a large presence would remain in the city through the next 24 hours at least.

Britain's riots began Saturday when an initially peaceful protest over a police shooting in London's Tottenham neighborhood turned violent. That clash has morphed into a general lawlessness in London and several other cities that police have struggled to halt with ordinary tactics.

While the rioters have run off with sneakers, bikes, electron-



A Miss Selfridge shop burns in Market Street in Manchester city centre, England, Tuesday Aug. 9, 2011. ^{AP}

ics and leather goods, they also have torched stores apparently just for the fun of seeing something burn. They were left virtually unchallenged in several neighborhoods, and when police did arrive they often were able to flee quickly and regroup.

Some saw Britain's economic crisis and deep cuts planned to social benefits as a deeper underlying cause for the outburst of violence—though few rioters said it was their motivation.

The show of strength by po-

lice appeared to have quelled unrest in London late Tuesday, but in a move that could raise tensions, a far-right group said about 1,000 of its members around the country were taking to the streets to deter rioters.

"We're going to stop the riots—police obviously can't handle it," Stephen Lennon, leader of the far-right English Defense League, told The Associated Press. He warned that he couldn't guarantee there wouldn't be violent clashes with

rioting youths.

Anders Behring Breivik, who has confessed to the bombing and massacre that killed 77 people in Norway last month, has cited the EDL as an inspiration.

Firefighters were tackling a major blaze at the site of a recycling center and fuel depot in Tottenham early Wednesday, but it was unclear whether the fire was linked to rioting.

Outside of London, chaos continued to spread.

In the northwestern city of

Manchester, hundreds of youths rampaged through the city center, hurling bottles and stones at police and vandalizing stores. A women's clothing store on the city's main shopping street was set ablaze, along with a disused library in nearby Salford. Looters targeted stores selling designer clothes and expensive consumer electronics.

Manchester's assistant chief constable Garry Shewan said looting and arson had taken place there on an unprecedented scale, but appeared to have little motive. About 50 people were arrested there.

"We want to make it absolutely clear—they have nothing to protest against. There is nothing in a sense of injustice and there has been no spark that has led to this," he said.

In the central England city of Nottingham, police said rioters hurled firebombs through the window of a police station, and set fire to a school and a vehicle outside a second police station—but there were no reports of injuries. A total of 90 people were arrested in attacks on stores, a college, a community center and cars.

Neither Manchester nor Nottingham had previously been involved in unrest. There also were minor clashes for the first time in the central England locations of Leicester, Wolverhampton and West Bromwich.

Kenya burdened by famine refugees; rape attacks up

DADAAB, Kenya (AP)—Marauding gangs and criminals are attacking Somali famine refugees more frequently as they flee across the border to Kenyan camps, but Kenyan police say they don't have enough manpower to stop them.

The lack of manpower underscores a larger problem for Kenya: Officials here say they are being overwhelmed by the influx of tens of thousands of Somali refugees, and can't stem the attacks. One 30-year-old woman who watched two of her five children die as they trekked through Somalia was raped after reaching what she hoped would be the safety of Kenyan soil.

"I constantly ask myself, 'Would this have happened to you, or would you have lost your children if you had been in your country?'" said the woman. "My mind always says: 'You ran away from a problem and ran into another.'"

Kenya now hosts nearly 500,000 Somali refugees, and while U.S. and U.N. officials are quick to praise Kenya for their response to the famine crisis, Kenyan officials are just as quick to tell the U.S., U.N. and world leaders that they can't take many more.

President Mwai Kibaki told

the U.S. vice president's wife, Jill Biden, during her visit to Kenya on Monday that the Somali refugee population was placing Kenya under extreme pressure and burdening its resources. Echoing local Kenyan officials who live close to the border, Kibaki advocated that refugee camps be set up inside Somalia near the Kenyan border, so Kenya does not have to accept the thousands more Somalis who arrive each week.

The Dadaab refugee camp—the largest in the world—was built for 90,000 people. The current population is over 400,000 with thousands of new arrivals crammed into areas outside the refugee camp, waiting to be formally admitted.

The police commander at Dadaab, Nelson Shilunji Taliti, said it is hard for authorities to adequately patrol the long and porous border with Somalia, leading to a rise in rape and other types of attacks. He said police cannot specifically say who is behind the attacks but criminals—both Somalis and Kenyans—operate along the border.

"Most of the victims are the ones who evade border points and pass through areas they believe are unmanned," Taliti said, advising refugees to use official points.

A pregnant mother of three who spoke to AP in Dadaab said she was gang-raped by five men after a group of families traveling together was ambushed. The Associated Press does not identify rape victims.

"The gunmen issued strange orders. They asked each woman to be raped by her brother. 'Do it immediately,' they ordered," said the woman, whom the AP is not identifying. "Some men are more audacious than others. When they were ordered to rape their sisters, they raped them to save their lives. ... Death is better than doing that."

The attackers ordered her brother-in-law to rape her but he refused, saying: "You are men and I'm a man, and life and death is in the hands of God. Either kill me or spare me."

They killed her brother-in-law and left his body unburied.

"When they killed my brother-in-law, I wished they had killed both of us," she said. "A lot of thoughts went through my mind after the rape: 'It would have been better to have died at home than risked your life on the way. What have you gained? You only gained battering and robbery.' Then another thought came to me, saying: 'Don't worry, this ordeal maybe is the last one.'"

Violent protests for education reform erupt in Chile capital

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Violence erupted on the streets of Chile's capital and other cities Tuesday as tens of thousands of students staged another protest demanding changes in public education.

Masked demonstrators burned cars and barricades, looted storefronts and threw furniture at police in Santiago. Some attacked an apartment building, throwing rocks and breaking windows. Riot police used tear gas and tanks with water cannons to push them back.

By nightfall, at least 273 protesters were detained, including 73 in Santiago, and 23 police officers were injured, said Rodrigo Ubilla, a deputy interior minister.

Five days after a banned march ended in nearly 900 arrests, students and teachers marched peacefully in Santiago and elsewhere in Chile on Tuesday, calling for the government to increase spending on schooling and provide "free and equal" public education.

As in previous demonstrations, protesters danced, sang, wore costumes and waved signs. But then groups of masked protesters split off and tried to break through police barricades blocking the way to the presi-

dential palace.

University of Chile student president Camila Vallejos said 150,000 marched on sidestreets in the capital because the government again denied them permission to march on the main avenue. Ubilla estimated that between 70,000 and 80,000 marched in Santiago.

Vallejos said the huge showing so soon after Thursday's confrontations "reaffirms the level of approval we have and that the people keep supporting us. It's the government that isn't capable of conceding."

Interior Minister Rodrigo Hinzpeter said the violence shows student leaders can't control their demonstrators.

As the day wore on, the violence spread, with hooded and masked activists throwing rocks, paint, furniture and street signs at police backed by armored vehicles.

The unrest has gripped Chile for more than two months.

High school and university students have refused to attend class, taken over schools and staged demonstrations to press their demand for fundamental changes in how Chile finances public education.

WORLD BRIEFS

Girl dies in crossfire on key Mexican highway

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP)—A girl was killed and a woman wounded by gunshots when a firefight broke out between soldiers and bandits on a toll road considered the safe route to the resort city of Acapulco, a Mexican official said Tuesday. Thieves had fired guns to stop the car in which the two victims were riding and were in the process of robbing them when an army patrol appeared. The gunmen began shooting at the soldiers, sparking a battle in which two thieves and the girl were killed, a Guerrero state public security official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to talk about the incident. He didn't know the girl's age or where the two females were from.

Truck crashes into Mexican nursery school, kills 6

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP)—A tractor trailer loaded with cement crashed into a day-care center in northern Mexico on Tuesday, killing three small girls and three adults. Nuevo Leon state officials said the truck might have had a brake failure before it crashed into the small building, which was made of mud bricks and is run by a social service agency of the Mexican government. The girls were aged 2, 4 and 6, State Civil Defense Director Jorge Camacho Rincon said. The adults included a man whose car was hit by the truck near the building and two inside.

US woman missing in Aruba and travel partner held

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—The lawyer for a U.S. man detained in Aruba is denying he had anything to do with the disappearance of a woman who was vacationing with him on the Caribbean island. Attorney Michael Lopez says his client is being unjustly held in the disappearance of 35-year-old Robyn Gardner of Frederick, Maryland. Lopez says in a statement Tuesday to The Associated Press that Gary V. Giordano has told Aruban police that the woman disappeared in strong ocean currents while they were snorkeling.

Focus

Japan ignored its own radiation forecasts

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NAMIE, Japan (AP)—Japan's system to forecast radiation threats was working from the moment its nuclear crisis began. As officials planned a venting operation certain to release radioactivity into the air, the system predicted Karino Elementary School would be directly in the path of the plume emerging from the tsunami-hit Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant.

But the prediction helped no one. Nobody acted on it.

The school, just over six miles (10 kilometers) from the plant, was not immediately cleared out. Quite the opposite. It was turned into a temporary evacuation center.

Reports from the forecast system were sent to Japan's nuclear safety agency, but the flow of data stopped there. Prime Minister Naoto Kan and others involved in declaring evacuation areas never saw the reports, and neither did local authorities. So thousands of people stayed for days in areas that the system had identified as high-risk, an Associated Press investigation has found.

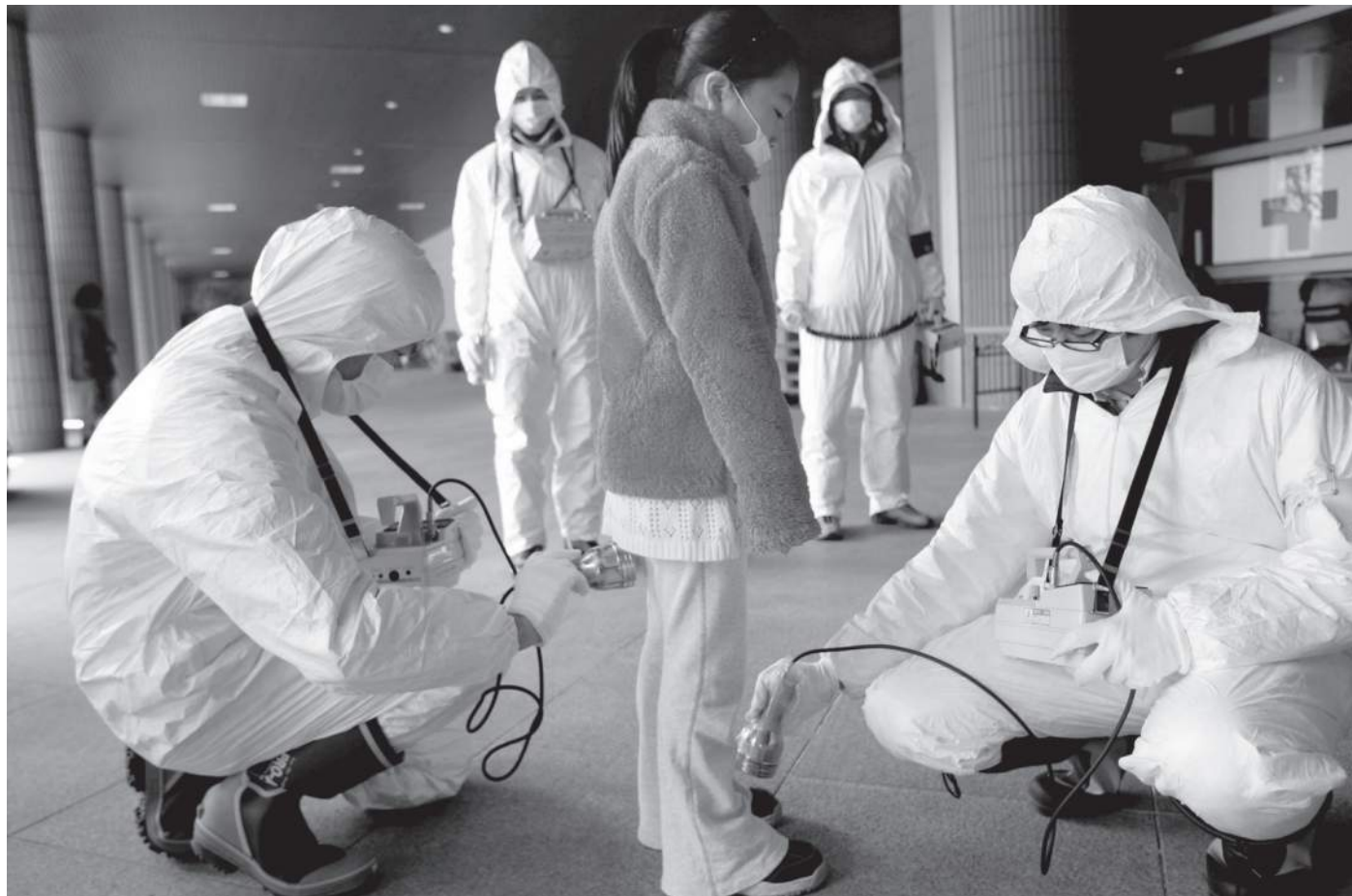
At Karino Elementary in the town of Namie, about 400 students, teachers, parents and others gathered in the playground at the height of the nuclear crisis stemming from the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. Many ate rice balls and cooked in the open air.

They were never informed of the predictions that they were at risk. In an interview with the AP, Namie's mayor said it took more than 24 hours for him to realize—from watching TV—that the evacuees were in danger. He sent buses to move some of them out. But, unaware of the risks, they were taken to another part of town also forecast to be in the plume's path. Most were left to fend for themselves.

"When I think about it now, I am outraged," Principal Hide-nori Arakawa said. "Our lives were put at risk."

Documents obtained by the AP, interviews with key officials and a review of other newly released documents and parliamentary transcripts indicate that the government's use of the forecast data was hamstrung by communication breakdowns and a lack of even a basic understanding of the system at the highest levels.

It's unclear how much radiation people might have been exposed to by staying in areas in the path of the radioactive plume, let alone whether any might suffer health problems from the exposure. It could be difficult to ever prove a connection: Health officials say



In this March 24, 2011 file photo, a young evacuee is screened at a shelter for leaked radiation from the damaged Fukushima nuclear plant in Fukushima, Fukushima prefecture, Japan.

they have no plans to prioritize radiation tests of those who were at the school.

But the breakdown may hold lessons for other countries with nuclear power plants because similar warning systems are used around the world. This was their first test in a major crisis.

The Japanese network—built in 1986 at a cost of \$140 million (11 billion yen)—is known as SPEEDI, short for the System for Prediction of Environment Emergency Dose Information. It has radiation monitoring posts nationwide and has been tested in a number of drills, including one the prime minister led for the Hamaoka nuclear facility just last year.

Even so, according to the prime minister's office, Kan and his top advisers never asked for or received the data. Despite taking part in the Hamaoka drill, Kan admitted he didn't understand how SPEEDI worked or how valuable the data was.

"I had no idea what sort of information was available," he told Parliament on June 17. "I didn't know anything about it then, and there was no way I could make a judgment."

In two post-crisis assessments, a report to the International Atomic Energy Agency and an annual white paper on science and technology, his government has said the network "failed to perform its intended function."

A senior member of Kan's crisis team, Nuclear Safety Commission chief Haruki Madarame, went so far as to say the SPEEDI data was no better than "a mere weather report."

He said the predictions were

of no value because they lacked accurate radiation readings. Some of the system's monitoring capabilities were compromised by the tsunami and ensuing power outages, and the utility that runs the Fukushima plant, TEPCO, did not provide readings of its own.

But SPEEDI officials say Madarame's position reflects a fundamental misunderstanding of what their system is designed to do.

When the amount of radioactivity that has been leaked is known, that is entered into its system, along with weather and terrain data, and a hazard map is generated. If the amount is not known—as was the case with Fukushima—a standard and relatively low value of one becquerel is used.

While that won't show the actual radiation risk, it will show the general pattern and direction of the plume. Then when the size of the leak becomes known, the map can be updated. If the actual leak turns out to be 100 becquerels, for example, the results would be multiplied by 100.

That technique allowed SPEEDI to produce reports hours before officials began venting disabled reactors—when there would have been less radiation to measure outside the nuclear plant even if the system's monitoring equipment had been working perfectly.

In the Fukushima case, later data proved the forecasts to be highly accurate. Most of Namie, for example, has since been declared too dangerous for habitation.

"We are offended by allegations that SPEEDI failed to function the way it was supposed to," Akira Tsubosaka, a senior official in charge of operations, told the AP. "SPEEDI was not used to determine evacuation zones. It should have been."

SPEEDI, run by the education and science ministry, provides its data to other government agencies such as the nuclear safety agency for passage up the chain and then dissemination to local authorities.

Officials won't say why that didn't happen, sticking to their position that the data was useless anyway.

But the government response has been sharply criticized by one of Kan's top science advisers, who later quit in protest, according to a confidential report to the prime minister that was obtained by the AP.

"The SPEEDI radiation forecasts were not properly utilized and a situation was invited in which residents were made vulnerable to more exposure than necessary," Toshiso Kosako, also a professor at the University of Tokyo, wrote in late April. Ironically, low-level officials were quick to seek the SPEEDI data.

Bureaucrats familiar with SPEEDI commissioned at least 18 tailor-made forecasts in the first 24 hours, as the government was pushing TEPCO to open vents to avert an explosion.

The venting would release radioactive substances into the air. So, according to documents obtained by the AP, the forecasts included several to gauge that danger.

One issued at 3:53 a.m.—about 13 hours after the crisis began—predicted the plume would drift across Namie and several other towns.

The forecasts were relayed to the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency but they did not reach decision-makers.

In Japan, the legal responsibility for setting evacuation zones falls on the central government and the prime minister. Local officials then are tasked with implementing the orders.

Instead of following the patterns of radioactive dispersion suggested by SPEEDI, the central government simply set up a six-mile (10-kilometer) evacuation zone around the plant. That did not include a broad swath of land that SPEEDI predicted would be affected.

The mayors of two towns that have since been almost completely evacuated told the AP that the government did not inform them of even that decision—let alone provide SPEEDI data—so they had to act on their own. They said they were unable to assess the risks adequately because they were not privy to the SPEEDI reports.

"We got nothing until more than a week later," said Katsumitsu Sakurai, the mayor of Minami-Soma. "People were unnecessarily exposed to possible dangers. We believe the central government must come clean on this."

"The first I heard of the 10-kilometer zone was when I saw the news on TV," said Namie Mayor Tamotsu Baba. Namie's municipal government has since been evacuated to Nihonmatsu,

a city 30 miles (50 kilometers) from the plant.

Because Karino Elementary sits just outside the six-mile (10-kilometer) evacuation zone, it was used as a gathering area for evacuees.

Later in the day, at the mayor's order, some evacuees were taken by bus to another part of Namie called Tsushima, which SPEEDI data suggested was also dangerous. Others, including Principal Arakawa and his family, went in the same direction by car.

Masako Mori, a senior opposition member of Parliament from Fukushima, told the AP that two alternative routes would have led away from the areas identified as high-risk by SPEEDI. The third—to Tsushima—led along the plume's expected path.

"We didn't have any information. But it turns out we were taking the most dangerous route," Arakawa said. "None of us knew."

Mori said SPEEDI data should have been used to get people out of the area much faster.

The evacuees at shelters in the Tsushima district—including about 8,000 residents of Namie—were not told to move farther away until March 16, five days into the crisis.

Mori, who also is a trial lawyer, raised the possibility of lawsuits against the government.

"The government unnecessarily exposed people to radiation, failing to observe its legal obligation to protect the citizens," she said. "It could be held responsible for compensation for the possible damage caused by its errors."

Exposure to radiation can lead to a variety of cancers—as it did in Chernobyl. Babies, children and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Mori, along with Namie's mayor and the school principal, are seeking full-body radiation tests for all children who were at the school. The tests measure internal exposure such as inhaled radioactive particles and could be key to understanding the health impact. But Fukushima health officials say they have no particular plan to test the Karino evacuees, because they don't have the resources and are instead focusing on groups, such as pregnant women, from the general area.

Thousands across the region have requested full-body tests, and only 340 have gotten them so far. None had dangerously high levels of contamination, though that does not rule out future health problems.

The Fukushima health office said it is looking into ways to speed up the process.

Environment

Students spend summer exploring land pollution issues



Students learn about monitoring coral reef health at Paupau Beach.

DEQ

Students spent the summer exploring Saipan's conservation areas to learn about the importance of watershed health for the island's people and coral reefs.

Through the Ridge to Reef Rangers Program, a collaborative project of

Marine Protected Area.

"Our goal is to impart the importance of watershed health and water quality—not only for our reefs but for ourselves. We hope to influence positive changes at the household level," said Lisa Huynh Eller, federal programs coordinator at the Division of Environmental Quality. "We teach students how to identify pollution sources in their homes

posted on cnmicoralreef.net.

Resource managers and experts from DEQ, CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife, Coastal Resources Management Office, and National Park Service led the field trips around the island. High school volunteers from the Youth Conservation Corps and the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps accompanied the students as

Students visit the Laolao Bay re-vegetation area to learn about efforts to reduce erosion and sedimentation.

DEQ



the National Park Service and the CNMI Coral Reef Initiative, 25 students spent one week learning about the importance of watershed health. They hiked the Laolao re-vegetation area, snorkeled the north end of Paupau Beach, surveyed the Garapan watershed, hiked the Banzai Trail, and explored Bird Island

and villages and what steps they can take to reduce these sources of pollution."

The program's coordinators are evaluating its effectiveness through pre- and post-surveys of the participants and their parents. The results of those surveys will be summarized in the coming months. A final report will be

they explored and learned about the island's natural resources.

The Ridge to Reef Rangers program is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coral Reef Conservation Program and Pacific Historic Parks (formerly the Arizona Memorial Museum Association). (DEQ)



Students assess pollution in the Garapan Watershed.

DEQ

Five ways to waste less food

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Stop and think about all the food in your fridge that will end up in the garbage can. Between food that goes bad, extra helpings left on the plate, or unused leftovers—it's a lot. In fact, more than 30 percent of the food we buy ends up in the trash and eventually, a landfill.

That's like taking money right out of your wallet and throwing it away.

Here are my Top 5 Ways to Waste Less Food.

Take stock of the situation

Knowing exactly what food you have is your first line of defense. Store leftovers in clear containers to help you keep track of them. Move foods with approaching use-by dates up to the front of your fridge so you use them first.

The freezer is your friend

The freezer can make almost any food last months longer. If you just don't feel like heating up leftovers on the second

day—freeze them instead. The freezer is also good for stocking up on staples. For instance, I'll freeze an extra batch of meat sauce in several containers that are each the right proportion for my family. Also, freezing seasonal produce such as strawberries, blueberries, and corn allows you to enjoy healthy foods all year long.

Save the small stuff

Did you not wrap up the half a sandwich you got too busy to eat at lunch?

What about that extra helping of lasagna at dinner? Even if it's not a full serving, it can be a side item tomorrow. Or, it can become a kid-sized portion for dinner. Here's another useful tip. If you have extra stock, wine, or the like, freeze it in an ice cube tray for use in a sauce or stew later.

Shop smarter

My best advice is to make a list and stick to it when you head to the grocery store. It's too easy to be swayed by sale items or foods you may not really need. Planning out your meals in advance will help you create a list of in-

gredients and curb impulse buys that can easily go to waste.

And you won't need to make extra trips to the store to get items you forgot.

Give composting a go

Composting is the perfect way to turn food scraps into free fertilizer for your lawn and garden. And there is more than one way to compost. You can set up in a bin in your backyard, you can use an electric unit for small jobs or you could take your food scraps to a composting center.

You can learn more about all of these options at DoYourPart.com/Columns.

These days, it just doesn't make sense to waste food or your hard earned money. Incorporating a few of these ideas will help you Do Your Part to save both! Now, that's an appetizing thought.

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Stop and think about all the food in your fridge that will end up in the garbage can and find ways to waste less food.

Life & Style

Ask a designer: Original art for the masses

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Framed posters and department-store paintings have long been staples of home decorating. But a growing number of shoppers are seeking original art for their homes, says interior designer Robert Novogratz.

"Art is about to explode to the masses," he says, because technology is giving us unprecedented access to artists. Homeowners are finding that distinctive, original works of art don't have to break their budgets.

By seeking out new artists, hunting for unexpected treasures and even creating art of your very own, it's possible to get art-gallery style at department-store prices.

In their new HGTV series, "Home by Novogratz," Novogratz and his wife and co-host, Cortney, use original works of art to decorate each week. "We try to feature an artist in every single episode," he says, and the pieces are often very affordable.

The first step, says Novogratz, is to discover art that speaks to you by exploring museums, galleries and art magazines. "People like what they know," he says, so broaden the scope of art of what interests you.

Once you know what you want, start hunting.

Here, Novogratz and two other experts—Betsey Burnham of Los Angeles' Burnham Design, and decordemon.com founder Brian Patrick Flynn—offer advice on finding the right art at the right price:

FIND TALENT EARLY

Buying pieces from fledgling artists is a win-win situation.

"Go to a local college or university and e-mail or call the art department. Tell them, 'I'm interested in photography,' or whatever you're after," Novogratz says.

Schools will let you know about upcoming art shows and possibly connect you with talented students. By finding and communicating with new artists through schools or online, it's even possible to commission original works without huge expense.

USE YOUR MOUSE

Websites can connect you with experienced artists as well as new ones. Burnham often scours eBay for art that she loves but someone else no longer wants.

She also checks the art-auction site Liveauctioneer.com and Etsy.com for original works, especially paintings. Don't worry, she says, about choosing a piece that an art critic would love: "It just has to be something appealing to you," Burnham says. So if you love the colors or design and it fits your budget, buy it.



This undated photo courtesy of Christina Wedge shows a room designed by Brian Patrick Flynn. Flynn often turns his clients' favorite possessions into art by having them professionally photographed, then framed. The frame of the photograph pictured here is made of linen, while the wall covering is grasscloth.

One piece of online advice: "The more specific you are in your search, the better," says Burnham. "You can say 'abstract painting red,' or you can have a favorite artist from the midcentury and use their name for the search."

If she sees a striking piece of art in a gallery, Burnham often Googles the artist seeking additional—often less expensive—works they've done. Or she contacts the artist directly to see what's available. "Sometimes instead of buying from a showroom," she says, "you can buy directly from the artist at a better price."

"It's about detective work, and knowing what you like."

BROADEN YOUR DEFINITION OF ART

All art isn't traditional painting or sculpture. Flynn has used every-

This undated photo courtesy of Left/Right, Inc./HGTV shows a room from HGTV's "Home by Novogratz" series. This photo collage was done by artist Jan Eleni.

thing from actual soup cans (a nod to Warhol) to an old stepladder (spray-painted bright green and hung within a picture frame) as art.

"If there's an item that means a lot to you, if it has a lot of texture, get it on the wall immediately," he says. "And if it doesn't have texture already, paint it a bold color to add an interesting finish."

Lately, he's even been having fun with fake taxidermy: In an otherwise traditional, high-end living room, Flynn likes hanging an artificial moose head made from resin. "There's something funny about a moose," he says, and yet it offers some of the traditional glamour of big game mounted on a wall.

CHOOSE PHOTOGRAPHY

A print of a distinctive, original photograph can be less expensive than an original painting or sculpture, but offer just as much artistic value.

Burnham has found beautiful photos at 20x200.com and other photography websites.

It's also possible to turn your own photography or friends' work into art, if you crop a shot creatively or use it in a very large format.

GO BIG OR GO HOME

"If you are looking to display art in a more minimal space," Flynn says, "go really, really big." A framed 8-by-10-inch (20-by-25-centimeter) photo doesn't normally qualify as "art." But the same photo printed several feet (a meter) wide can be striking, he says.

Investing in one large piece of art can be more practical than buying several smaller ones.

"Sometimes the larger pieces of art don't necessarily cost that much more than the smaller ones," Flynn says, and they carry more impact.

SEARCH FOR VINTAGE

"If you live in a good town to go vintage shopping, don't be put off by the wrong frame or the wrong setting," Burnham says.

Searching for art to use in a home in Beverly Hills recently, she says she "found this floral painting from the wall of this really bad vintage store here in town. But reframed and cleaned up, it's fantastic."

Good framing can be expensive, but it may be worth the investment to repurpose a great piece of vintage art.



This undated photo courtesy of Left/Right, Inc./HGTV shows a room from HGTV's "Home by Novogratz" series.

TRAVEL WITH ART IN MIND

The Novogratzes often incorporate art into their travel: They visit museums in new cities and attend events like Miami's annual Art Basel show.

Even during local day trips, they visit art shows and are on the lookout for new pieces and new talent.

One last piece of advice from Flynn: Once you've chosen a new piece of art, protect it. Frame it with UV-filtering glass and be sure your lighting won't do it any harm.

"Harsh halogens can distort a piece of art," Flynn says, and cause it to fade over time.

Philip Levine named country's poet laureate

NEW YORK (AP)—Pulitzer Prize winner Philip Levine, known for his detailed and personal verse about the working class, has been appointed the country's new poet laureate.

The Library of Congress was to announce Wednesday that the 83-year-old Levine will succeed fellow Pulitzer winner W.S. Merwin this fall. The laureate, who receives \$35,000 and is known officially as the Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry, serves from October through May. Richard Wilbur, Joseph Brod-

sky and Robert Pinsky are among the previous appointees.

"I'm a fairly irreverent person and at first I thought, 'This is not you. You're an old union man,'" Levine said during a recent telephone interview from his home in Fresno, Calif.

"But I knew if I didn't do this, I would kick myself. I thought, 'This is you. You can speak to a larger public than has been waiting for you in recent years.'"

Levine has received virtually every literary

honor, but he is the least rarefied of poets. A Detroit native who as a young man worked in automobile plants, he has for decades chronicled, celebrated and worried about blue collar life. Levine's awards include the Pulitzer in 1995 for "The Simple Truth" and the National Book Award in 1991 for "What Work Is."

"Philip Levine is one of America's great narrative poets," Librarian of Congress James H. Billington said in a statement. "His plainspoken lyricism has, for half a century, championed the

art of telling 'The Simple Truth'—about working in a Detroit auto factory, as he has, and about the hard work we do to make sense of our lives."

In "Drum," Levine writes of a "Tool & Die" shop and of the men who "sweep, wash up, punch out, collect outside for a final smoke." In "Coming Close," he presents a "quiet woman" standing for hours before a polishing wheel. But who is she, really? Levine asks. "You must come closer to find out."

Hearing scheduled in 'The Help' lawsuit in Miss.

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Lawyers for Kathryn Stockett want a judge to dismiss a lawsuit that accuses the author of "The Help" of basing a character on a real-life maid who works for Stockett's brother.

The best-selling book "The Help" was made into a movie that opens Wednesday. It's based on relationships between

white families and their African-American maids in the segregated South of the 1960s.

A driving character in the novel is a woman named Aibileen. A real-life woman named Aibileen Cooper, who said she works as a maid for Stockett's brother, filed a lawsuit in February that accuses Stockett of using Cooper's name and likeness

without permission.

The lawsuit was filed in Hinds County Circuit Court in Jackson, where Stockett grew up and where the novel is set. It asks for \$75,000 in damages.

Cooper's attorney, Edward Sanders, said Tuesday that an Aug. 16 hearing will deal with a motion filed by Stockett's defense team that seeks to have the

suit dismissed.

Stockett's refusal to admit that she based the character on Cooper's likeness "is so outrageous in character, and so extreme as to go beyond all bounds of human decency, and is utterly intolerable in a civilized community," says the lawsuit, which represents one side of a legal argument.

The lawsuit quotes passages from the book, including one in which Aibileen's character describes a cockroach: "He black. Blacker than me."

The lawsuit said Cooper found it upsetting and highly offensive to be portrayed as someone "who uses this kind of language and compares her skin color to a cockroach."

Stockett's attorney, Fred Banks, didn't immediately respond to a message Tuesday.

In court filings, Stockett's lawyers argued the lawsuit should be dismissed for a number of reasons, including claims that a one-year statute of limitations has passed. Cooper's attorneys dispute that.

Among alleged similarities



Author Kathryn Stockett poses by a poster for the movie made from her book prior to a benefit screening of "The Help" in Madison, Miss., Saturday, July 30, 2011.

between Cooper and the character, Cooper said she lost a son shortly before going to work for Stockett's brother, where she

takes care of two children, a boy and a girl. Cooper's lawsuit said that's the same as the character portrayed in the book

Schwarzenegger daughter 'way closer' to mom Maria

MALIBU, California (AP)—The eldest daughter of Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver says she fled to London after her parents separated, in part to escape a storm of unwanted attention.

Katherine Schwarzenegger tells Harper's Bazaar magazine she wanted to "go away and realize that it's not as big a deal in

other places."

Shriver and the former Republican governor are in the midst of a divorce, after Arnold Schwarzenegger confirmed in May he fathered an out-of-wedlock child with a former housekeeper.

Their 21-year-old daughter never mentions her now-teenaged half-brother in the interview,

while discussing what she calls "definitely a difficult time."

She says she tries "not to care about what other people ... think," but adds she's been consoled by Twitter messages from supporters.

She tells the magazine, "I've always been way closer to my mom."

Wal-Mart Stores ending MP3 sales

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is ending its digital music sales this month after seeing increased competition.

The world's largest retailer confirmed Tuesday that it will stop selling MP3s as of Aug. 29. Customers who already bought digital music through its site may continue to use and manage their music there.

Wal-Mart began selling digital music in 2003 to compete with

Apple's iTunes, which has become the largest seller of digital music. The company also faces tough competition from Amazon.com. NPD industry analyst Marshall Cohen said the dynamic of retail is changing, and sometimes companies are better off focusing on what they do best rather than offering something that doesn't deliver an above-average experience for consumers.

Jesse Ventura: Governor role a good fit

TERRE HAUTE, Indiana (AP)—Jesse Ventura thinks his time as Minnesota's governor makes an acting role as Indiana's governor not much of a stretch.

The former pro wrestler and occasional actor spent Monday in Terre Haute, Indiana, filming scenes with veteran actor Tom Sizemore for the movie "The Drunk."

The film written by Terre Haute natives William Tanoos

and Paul Fleschner stars Tanoos as the fictional grandson of 20th century labor leader Eugene Debs who is running for governor against Sizemore's corrupt prosecutor character.

Ventura tells the Tribune-Star he found the role interesting and that it was written with him in mind.

The movie is in its fourth week of filming.

Costa Rica names suspect in singer Cabral killing

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP)—A Costa Rican is suspected of being behind the ambush last month that killed Argentine folk singer Facundo Cabral and wounded a Nicaraguan businessman who is believed to have been the target, authorities said Tuesday.

Alejandro Jimenez Gonzalez is accused of leading an organized crime group involved in money laundering with operations around Central America, Costa Rican Attorney General Jorge Chavarria told reporters.

Chavarria said authorities believe a rift over a theft of illegal drug money led to the July 9 attack that Guatemalan authorities think was aimed at Henry Farinas, who survived. Farinas was driving Cabral to the airport when they were ambushed.

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Gavin DeGraw home from hospital after NYC beating

NEW YORK (AP)—Singer-songwriter Gavin DeGraw has been released from a New York City hospital after an attack that left him with a broken nose, a concussion and other injuries.

DeGraw tweeted Tuesday afternoon that he didn't remember much of Sunday's

beating. Police say DeGraw was attacked by a group of men in the East Village. No arrests have been made yet.

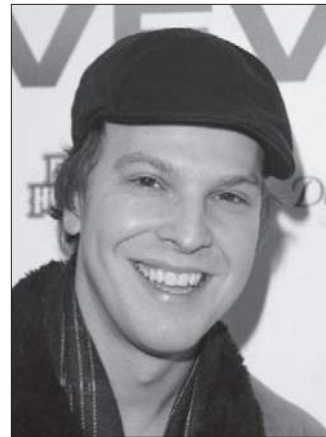
A representative says the 34-year-old DeGraw also suffered black eyes, cuts and bruises.

DeGraw canceled concerts this week in upstate New York and

Massachusetts after the assault.

On Twitter, DeGraw thanked fans and said: "I only know I can recover from here. ... I love u guys."

DeGraw's new album, "Sweeter," due out in September. His top hits include "Charliot" and "I Don't Want to Be."

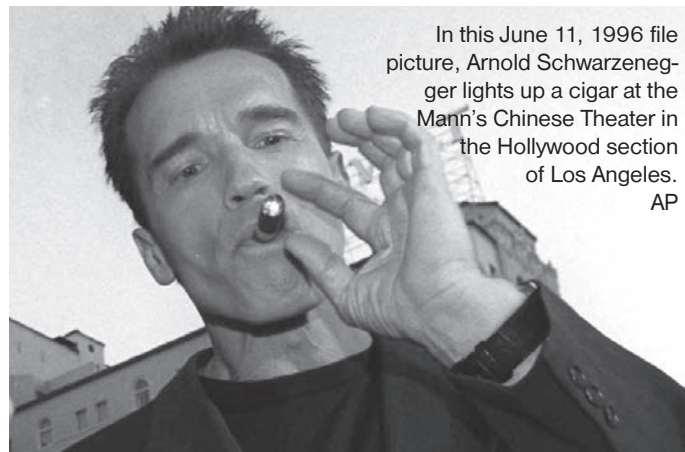


DeGraw

Was it lit? Arnie could be charged over cigar

VIENNA (AP)—Was it lit or was it cold? The status of a cigar in Arnold Schwarzenegger's mouth at an Austrian airport could decide whether or not he faces legal action. Smoking at airports is banned in Austria and an anti-smoking lobby said Tuesday it plans to launch a suit against the former California governor for puffing on a stogie after arriving in June at Salzburg Airport.

But officials suggest the af-



In this June 11, 1996 file picture, Arnold Schwarzenegger lights up a cigar at the Mann's Chinese Theater in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

AP

fair will go up in smoke.

Salzburg municipal legal expert Josef Goldberger told state broadcaster ORF that Arnie can ignore any requests from authorities in his homeland to respond since the charge is not covered by treaties.

Airport spokesman Alexander Klaus, meanwhile, says the cigar was out.

"Burning cigars smoke and there were no puffs for Schwarzenegger," he says.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Lawyer: Reality show star tests positive for drugs

BOLIVIA, N.C. (AP)—A lawyer for a North Carolina teen who stars on MTV's reality show "Teen Mom 2" says she tested positive for marijuana and opiates. Attorney Dustin Sullivan said Tuesday that Jennelle Evans was released from the Brunswick County jail on a \$10,000 bond the night before. He said Evans was charged with a probation violation because of the positive drug tests. The 19-year-old Evans was charged with assault in March after a fight recorded on video. A month later, she received 12 months of probation and community service for a drug paraphernalia charge. Evans is from Oak Island. "Teen Mom" documents the challenges of four teens' first years of motherhood.

Times reporters get book deal on phone scandal

NEW YORK (AP)—Two New York Times reporters have a deal for a book about the phone hacking scandal that has shaken Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. London-based correspondent Sarah Lyall and investigative reporter Don Van Natta Jr. will collaborate on a currently untitled work. Times Books says the book will draw upon "unparalleled access to exclusive sources" with inside knowledge of the Murdoch empire. Times Books, an imprint of Henry Holt and Co., said Tuesday that a publication date has not yet been set. Another book on the scandal, Guardian journalist Nick Davies' "Hack Attack," was acquired recently by Faber & Faber, a sister imprint of Times Books. Both are owned by Macmillan Publishers.

E-Book about Assange on sale Wednesday

NEW YORK (AP)—A British journalist's inside take on WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is being published in the U.S. as an e-book "single." Digital publisher RosettaBooks announced Wednesday that Heather Brooke's "Assange Agonistes" can be downloaded for \$1.99 through Amazon.com's Kindle Single program. The e-book is a 24,000-word, first person narrative based on Brooke's "The Revolution will be Digitised," coming out in Britain later this month. The full-length book does not yet have a publisher in the U.S. "Assange Agonistes" tells of Brooke's disillusionment with Assange, whom she initially admired as a "warrior for freedom," but later decided was "unsettlingly, even bafflingly, unaware of any notion of personal boundaries."

VH1 explores hip-hop and cocaine in new docu

NEW YORK (AP)—VH1 is exploring the connection between hip-hop and cocaine. The network will air "Planet Rock: The Story of Hip Hop and the Crack Generation" next month. It explores the development of crack cocaine in the urban community and features rappers Snoop Dogg, Cypress Hill's B-Real and Wu-Tang Clan members RZA and Raekwon. The two-hour special will air Sept. 18 at 10 p.m. Eastern. It was executive produced by rapper-actor Ice-T. He also narrates the documentary. VH1 made the announcement Tuesday. "Planet Rock" is the latest documentary by VH1 Rock Doc, which recently earned an Emmy nomination for the special, "Soul Train: The Hippest Trip in America."

'Catch Me If You Can' to disappear next month

NEW YORK (AP)—There's now only a limited time to catch the Broadway musical "Catch Me If You Can." Producers said Tuesday that the Tony Award-nominated show will close Sept. 4 at The Neil Simon Theatre after having played 32 previews and 170 regular performances. The production was nominated for four Tonys and Norbert Leo Butz took home the award for best actor in a musical. The show also starred Aaron Tveit as a con artist who passed himself off as a doctor, a lawyer, and a jet pilot. The musical is based on the life of Frank Abagnale Jr. It inspired the hit film directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Leonardo DiCaprio. The first national tour of the musical will launch in the fall of 2012 in Providence, R.I.

Fugard's 'The Road to Mecca' to hit Broadway

NEW YORK (AP)—Rosemary Harris and Carla Gugino will star in a production of "The Road to Mecca" on Broadway this winter. The play by Athol Fugard explores the life of an elderly widow who has transformed her home into a shimmering work of art full of sculptures. A pastor and a young teacher battle over whether she should be put in a retirement home. Previews will begin Dec. 16 and opening night will be Jan. 17 at the American Airlines Theatre. It will run until March 4. Fugard's plays include "Master Harold... and the Boys," "The Blood Knot" and "Hello and Goodbye." The Roundabout Theatre Company's production of "The Road to Mecca" kicks off Fugard's 80th birthday celebration in the city.

Radio personality Fred Imus dies in Arizona at 69

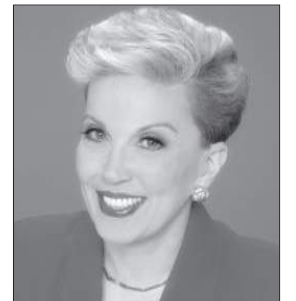
TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—A spokesman for Don Imus says that the controversial radio personality's brother, Fred Imus, has died in his Tucson home. He was 69. Fred Imus co-hosted his own satellite radio show on Sirius XM called "Fred's Trailer Park Bash" and wrote country songs. Matthew Hiltzik, a spokesman for Don Imus, said Tuesday that Fred Imus was found dead inside his trailer in Tucson, Ariz., on Saturday. He says it's believed that he died in his sleep. Hiltzik says the Imus brothers were "very close" and that Fred Imus often was a guest on his brother's own radio show, ending each call with, "I love you." Fred Imus, who was twice divorced, is survived by three sons.

Tony Curtis' art collection for sale at auction

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Paintings, sculptures and other collectibles that once belonged to Tony Curtis are hitting the auction block. Darren Julien, president of Julien's Auctions, says original artwork by Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Henry Miller and Curtis himself will be sold at an auction of property from the actor's estate on Sept. 17. Curtis' own paintings and ceramics are among the items for sale, along with pottery and prints by Picasso, which are expected to fetch more than \$3,000 each. Also up for auction is memorabilia from Curtis' many movies, including the sailor jacket he wore during a kissing scene with Marilyn Monroe in "Some Like It Hot." The items will be on view at Julien's Auctions in Beverly Hills, Calif., beginning Sept. 6.

American heroes inspire others through courage and sacrifice

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR READERS: I published a letter (June 6) in which a reader, "Alison in Ashland, Ore.," asked you to name your heroes. She asked that they not be celebrities or family members. A tsunami of emails descended upon me—many of them moving, thought-provoking and inspiring. I'm sorry that space limitations prevent me from printing more of them—but I thank you ALL for your submissions. Read on:

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Captain C.B. "Sully" Sullenberger! A humble man, under intense pressure, who saved the lives of his entire U.S. Airways Flight 1549 on Jan. 15, 2009. After landing his Airbus in the Hudson River, he refused to leave his ship until all passengers and crew had disembarked. THAT is a true hero, someone going about his daily routine and doing something extraordinary.

PAMELA F., SLINGERLANDS, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: I'm nominating two people: Stephen Hawking, who has overcome disastrous physical and medical problems to become the world's most prominent physicist, and Gustavo Dudamel, who has brought intense life to the L.A. Philharmonic and the renewal of symphonic music in general, having lifted to new heights Venezuela's "The Program," which gives all students in that country the opportunity to make music.

NANCY E., OAK RIDGE, TENN.

DEAR ABBY: My personal hero is Rosa Parks. I grew up in a racist household and was even beaten for disagreeing. But the courage it took for Rosa to sit down and refuse to get up moved mountains for me. I thank her with all my heart.

KENDRA IN HAIKU, HAWAII

DEAR ABBY: My definition of hero has long been the man who stood in front of tanks in Tiananmen Square. As a teenager I watched in awe at his strength of character and heart. In that moment he showed us what the world could be if we, too, chose to stand up.

EMILY F., SAN JOSE, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: It's Miep Gies, one of the women who helped hide Anne Frank and her family. She didn't hesitate before saying "of course!" when asked for help, and when asked years after WWII, she said she would do it again in a heartbeat because it was the right thing to do.

As an LGBT and AIDS activist, I'm often asked why I do what I do if it doesn't affect me directly. I do it because it's the right thing. To me, if more people thought like Mrs. Gies, this world would be a much better place to live, so I try to remember her in everything I do.

ALESS P., DARTMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA

DEAR ABBY: My hero is Cesar Chavez. Before he came along, workers didn't even have a place to relieve themselves while working the fields under all weather conditions. He sacrificed his own health and his life to help their plight.

I read in our local newspaper where somebody referred to him as an illegal alien, although he was born in Arizona and served in the U.S. Navy. If that doesn't make someone an American, nothing will.

ARTHUR IN BARSTOW, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I nominate Florence Nightingale. Despite familial and societal objections to her work, she made nursing care a respected, effectual profession that continues to benefit humankind. Women of her generation were seen as inferior, capable only of servitude; she showed nurses' work to be much more than a harmless presence among the suffering. Now THAT's a positive role model for our youth to emulate.

STEPHANIE L., R.N. IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR ABBY: Who are my heroes? My vote goes to the Navy SEALs who killed Bin Laden!

MARILYN W., KNOXVILLE, TENN.

READERS: Stay tuned. I'll print more of your submissions tomorrow.

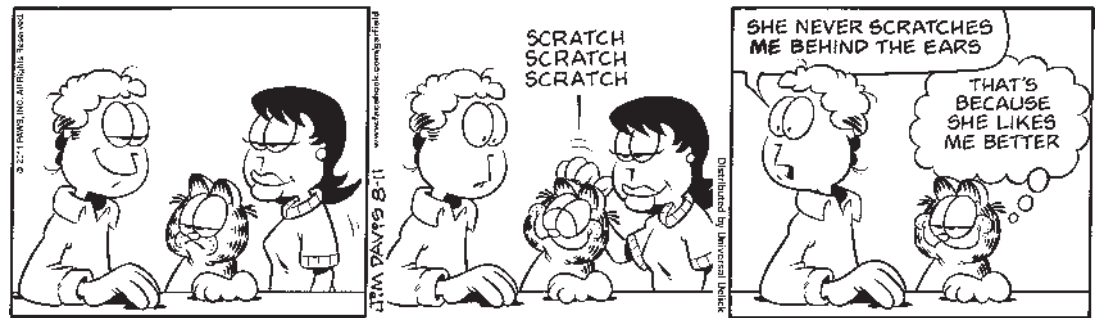
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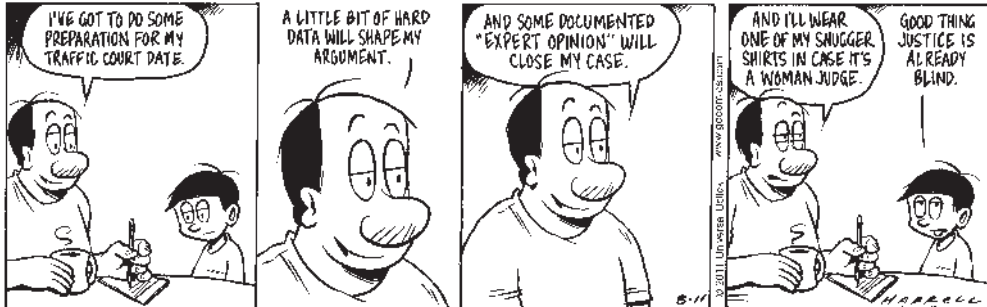


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By Bryan Basset

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Yesterday's answer 8-11

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Chris Hemsworth, 28; Ashley Jensen, 42; Viola Davis, 46; Hulk Hogan 58.

Happy Birthday: You can gain ground professionally if you are willing to do a little more for less. A change in location or picking up a new skill will be valuable. Create your strategy for success and do not venture off the beaten track until you are satisfied with your results. Misunderstandings will be your downfall. Get information firsthand. Your numbers are 5, 17, 20, 26, 31, 40, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get the go-ahead before you make any changes at home that may affect someone else. Send out your resume or voice your ideas at work and you will find a way to ease into a better position. Make a positive change to your relationship with someone special. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your actions will make the biggest impression on others. Stick to your standards and you will be happy with the result, even if someone else complains. Don't let a lover hold you back. If you feel stifled, say so and walk away if necessary. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There is money to be made, but you must be reasonable about what you are willing to pay for something and how much in debt you can go without causing added stress. Love is on the rise, but you cannot jeopardize your financial situation to appease someone. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep things simple and don't make impulsive decisions you may regret. An emotional situation may push you in a direction with which you don't feel comfortable. Prepare to decline if you feel pressured. Don't get angry when all you have to do is say no. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Have a little fun, but don't break the bank. Do your research before you buy into a dream. A change of location or visiting an unfamiliar place will give you a false sense of what you can or should do. Proceed with caution. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Travel, socialize, try something new or network with people who share your interests. The more time you spend listening to others, the greater your own knowledge will become. A gentle nudge will help you get what you want. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love is in the stars, and your emotions will be difficult to control. Before you offer too much, consider your self-respect and what you want in return. You cannot lower your own standards to get the approval of others. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A change may be needed. Don't sit idle until you are forced to make a move. A jump-start is required if you don't want to suffer a loss along the way. ★★★★★

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By Dave Green

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Abreu lifts Angels to 6-4 win over Yankees



**N E W
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(AP)—Bobby Abreu hit

a two-out two-run homer in the ninth inning—his second homer of the game—to give the Los Angeles Angels a 6-4 win over the New York Yankees in the American League on Tuesday.

The Angels held onto the lead in the bottom of the ninth thanks to a tricky play. With runners at the corners and two outs, Los Angeles pitcher Jordan Walden faked a pickoff throw to third base and Curtis Granderson fell for it, taking off from first base trying to steal second and getting caught in no man's land.

Abreu's drive deep into the seats in right was only the second homer allowed this season by New York closer Mariano Rivera (1-2). He faltered for the second straight appearance, having blown a ninth-inning lead Sunday at Boston.

Los Angeles' Alberto Callespo opened the ninth with a single and after two outs, Abreu hit his sixth homer of the season.

Angels reliever Scott Downs (6-2) took the win, getting a groundout with two runners on base to end the eighth.

The Yankees suffered a third straight defeat for the first time in two months, and fell 2-1/2 games behind Boston in the AL East.

Red Sox 4, Twins 3

In Minneapolis, Darnell McDonald hit a two-run homer to lift Boston to a tight win over Minnesota.

David Ortiz gave the Red Sox the lead for good on an infield single with the bases loaded in the seventh inning and Jonathan Papelbon picked up his 26th save.

Boston's Matt Albers (4-3) gave up one run in one inning of relief for the win.

Matt Capps (3-6) gave up one run and walked two in one inning to take the loss for the Twins, who have lost six straight.

Indians 3, Tigers 2, 14 innings

In Cleveland, reliever David Pauley hit Kosuke Fukudome with the bases loaded in the 14th inning to give Cleveland victory over Detroit.

In the 14th, Pauley (5-5) walked Asdrubal Cabrera with one out before Travis Hafner singled, sending Cabrera to third. An intentional walk loaded the bases and Fukudome—acquired last month from the Chicago Cubs—was then drilled in the arm by Pauley, giving the Indians their 13th walk-off win at home this season.

The result of the game—delayed more than two hours by rain and which took seven hours to complete—tightened the AL Central race, as the In-



New York Yankees' Mariano Rivera stands on the mound as Los Angeles Angels' Bobby Abreu rounds third base after hitting a two-run home run in the ninth inning of a baseball game on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011 at Yankee Stadium in New York.

dians moved within three games of leaders Detroit.

Frank Herrmann (3-0), Cleveland's eighth pitcher, pitched two hitless innings for the win.

The Indians have won 12 straight over the Tigers at home.

Rangers 7, Mariners 6

In Arlington, Josh Hamilton drove in the winning run with a single in the ninth inning, completing Texas' comeback from a three-run deficit against Seattle.

Ian Kinsler and Endy Chavez homered for the Rangers, whose AL West lead over second-place Los Angeles remained at 1-1/2 games.

Jeff Gray (0-1) walked Kinsler leading off the ninth. Aaron Laffey relieved and Chavez reached on a bunt single that sent Kinsler to second. Hamilton followed with a single to left.

Kinsler's two-run homer in the seventh had pulled Texas within 6-5. Yorvit Torrealba's RBI double tied it.

Texas' Neftali Feliz (2-3) pitched the ninth for the victory.

Athletics 4, Blue Jays 1

In Toronto, Josh Willingham and Kurt Suzuki homered to power Oakland past Toronto.

Athletics starter Rich Harden (3-2) pitched seven strong innings to improve on a previously dismal record north of the border, where he had an 0-2 record with a 13.50 ERA in three previous starts. He walked two and struck out eight.

The Athletics have won three straight and have homered in a season-high seven straight, connecting 11 times in that span.

Blue Jays starter Brett Cecil (4-5) allowed three runs and four hits in seven innings. He walked two and struck out five.

Rays 4, Royals 0

In St. Petersburg, James

Shields his major league-best eighth complete game this season to steer Tampa Bay past Kansas City.

Shields (11-9) also has four shutouts this year. His proficiency from the mound meant the game was over in 1 hour, 53 minutes; the fastest nine-inning game in Rays history.

Evan Longoria drove in two runs on a single during the first and hit a two-run homer in the sixth. He has driven in 12 runs over his past 12 games despite having just nine hits during the stretch.

Royals starter Jeff Francis (4-12) gave up four runs over seven innings. He retired 15 straight after allowing the first three batters to reach base in the first.

White Sox 4, Orioles 3

In Baltimore, Chicago won its season-best fifth straight game by edging Baltimore.

Chicago built a 4-0 lead after four innings, let the margin dwindle to a run in the fifth, then held on to secure its seventh straight road win.

Brent Morel homered and drove in two runs and Carlos Quentin also connected for the White Sox.

Chicago starter Gavin Floyd (10-10) gave up three runs in 6 2-3 innings.

Sergio Santos got a strikeout for the final out, earning his 24th save and extending his road scoreless streak to 29 games.

Making his first start with Baltimore after being obtained from Toronto, Jo-Jo Reyes (5-9) allowed four runs in four innings.

Phillies 2, Dodgers 1

In Los Angeles, Philadelphia's Cliff Lee pitched eight scoreless innings with 10 strikeouts and also hit just his second career home run, leading the Phillies to

a victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Lee (12-7) allowed only two runners past first base, and closer Ryan Madson got three outs for his 21st save in 22 chances.

Jimmy Rollins had an RBI single to help the Phillies win for the 11th time in 12 games and go 36 games over .500 (76-40) for the first time since 1977.

Philadelphia maintained its 8-1/2 game lead over Atlanta in the NL East.

Dodgers starter Ted Lilly (7-12) allowed six hits over eight innings.

Braves 4, Marlins 3, 11 innings

In Miami, Dan Uggla extended his hitting streak to 30 games as Atlanta edged Florida.

Uggla hit an infield single in the fifth inning to tie the Dodgers' Andre Ethier for the majors' longest hitting streak of the season.

The winning run came after Michael Bourn doubled off Edward Mujica (8-4) with one out in the 11th. Martin Prado then singled to shallow right field and the throw to home went over the catcher's head, allowing Bourn to score.

Prado also homered, and tied a career high with four hits and drove in three runs.

Craig Kimbrel induced a game-ending double play to end it, recording his 36th save in 41 chances.

Atlanta's George Sherrill (3-1) pitched a scoreless ninth to earn the win.

Giants 6, Pirates 0

In San Francisco, Chris Stewart hit his first major league home run and Aubrey Huff had another solo shot for San Francisco in the win over Pittsburgh.

Huff also had an RBI double to help chase Pirates starter James McDonald (7-6) after

six innings. McDonald allowed three runs.

Giants starter Madison Bumgarner (7-11) struck out 10 and walked just one in seven innings.

Brewers 5, Cardinals 3, 10 innings

In St. Louis, Milwaukee extended its lead over St. Louis in the NL Central to four games after Casey McGehee hit a double to snap a 10th-inning tie.

The Brewers' 3-4-5 hitters had been 0 for 12 before extra innings when Prince Fielder singled to put runners at the corners ahead of McGehee's double off Octavio Dotel (0-1) over the head of the right fielder. Yuniesky Betancourt added a sacrifice fly as Milwaukee made it 12 wins in 13 games.

LaTroy Hawkins (1-0) earned the win for Milwaukee and John Axford finished for his 30th straight save.

Rockies 3, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Troy Tulowitzki hit a two-run homer as Colorado pipped Cincinnati, handing the Reds their fifth loss in six games.

Dexter Fowler had two of Colorado's five hits and drove in the go-ahead run for the Rockies.

Colorado starter Esmil Rogers (6-1) allowed two runs over six innings with six strikeouts and two walks.

The Reds were 0 for 9 with runners in scoring position and left Dontrelle Willis still looking for his first win in six starts since being called up from the minors. Willis (0-2) had a season-best 10 strikeouts.

Mets 5, Padres 4

In New York, Josh Spence walked Ruben Tejada to hand New York the winning run and victory over San Diego.

The Mets trailed by four runs in the eighth inning before An-

gel Pagan's homer began the comeback. They also came from two runs down in the eighth the previous day and have moved back above .500.

Pagan, the team's new leadoff man because of an injury to Jose Reyes, homered for the second consecutive night when he connected off Chad Qualls (5-6) to start the eighth.

New York reliever D.J. Carrasco (1-2) entered in the eighth and escaped a jam unscathed to earn the win. Jason Isringhausen earned his 299th career save.

Nationals 3, Cubs 1

In Chicago, Chien-Ming Wang pitched six scoreless innings to set up Washington's win over Chicago.

In his third start after missing more than two years following shoulder surgery, Wang (1-2) won for the first time since 2009.

Jonny Gomes hit a two-run homer, Michael Morse added a long home run and Ryan Zimmerman extended his hitting streak to 17 games for the Nationals.

Cubs starter Matt Garza (5-9) allowed three runs in six innings to take the loss.

Diamondbacks 11, Astros 9

In Phoenix, Arizona came from six runs down to beat Houston.

Justin Upton had three hits, including a home run, and drove in four runs for the Diamondbacks. Gerardo Parra had his fourth career four-hit game, Miguel Montero doubled and had three RBIs and Willie Bloomquist added a two-run single.

Arizona's Micah Owings (6-0) threw three innings, conceding one run, and took the win.

Astros starter Wilton Lopez (2-5) allowed Upton's go-ahead two-run homer.

Olympic host city under scrutiny amid London riots

LONDON (AP)—A few miles from the worst violence to hit the city in 25 years, beach volleyball players dived headlong in the sand, the most summery of Olympic sports on display less than a year before the London Games.

The matches were played under the shadow of the London Eye big wheel, and not far from Buckingham Palace and No. 10 Downing Street. Yet no historic backdrop could block the images of rioting and looting that have swept the city the past three days and left a mark on British sports.

The soccer game between England and the Netherlands at Wembley was the biggest

casualty. And as IOC officials arrived to review progress leading to the 2012 Games, they were greeted by a forbidding landscape a short way from where the Olympics will unfold.

Plumes of smoke rose from run-down neighborhoods. Businesses closed early—many of them boarded up—as authorities struggled to contain the country's worst unrest since race riots set London ablaze in the 1980s.

It was hardly the image Britain hoped to present to the world. This was a time when fans should have been reveling in the expectation of a successful Olympics and the start of English soccer season.

James opens clubhouse for kids in Ohio hometown



AKRON, Ohio (AP)—LeBron James sat in a gym inside a community center he and his friends were afraid to visit as kids, reflecting on his past and looking to the future.

With his hands folded tightly, James listened as a boy sang "His Eye Is On The Sparrow," the child's beautiful voice filling a place James has transformed with a generous gift.

"I remember coming through the front doors here," James said afterward in a sit-down interview with The Associated Press. "It was an intimidating place, real dark."

James has brought it new light.

On Tuesday, the NBA superstar cut the ribbon to officially open The LeBron James Clubhouse at an Akron Boys & Girls Club, a safe haven for area children that he paid to renovate with \$240,000 donated through his family foundation. Back home in Ohio and surrounded by family and friends, the Miami Heat forward felt humbled while giving back to his community.

"It's unbelievable," he said. "As a kid, this is one of the places we didn't want to go. But to see the transformation from what this place used to be to what it is now is amazing, and the only reason we're doing it is for these kids. They are our future."

James pointed toward several rows of youngsters, who hung

on his every word.

One of them, 11-year-old Jaire Bell, opened the ceremony with his gospel song, a touching performance that moved James, who later promised to keep helping Akron's youth.

"There should never be a door closed to their dreams," said James, who on Monday launched a program to provide hundreds of third graders academic tools they need. The program will follow those kids through their high school graduations.

"We have presidents in here, doctors, lawyers, possibly professional athletes," he said. "All the dreams they have, there should be a way for them to accomplish it. I dreamed a lot as a kid and the reason I could is that I had people around me who never shut the door. I had coaches,

mentors, my mother and friends. We all believed in the same thing and I was able to accomplish it—with a lot of help.

"I never did it on my own, and to this day, I'm not doing it on my own."

The clubhouse dedication was the first part of what promised to be an emotional day for James, who was to be inducted into the athletic Hall of Fame of his alma mater, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. James is being honored along with teammates Sian Cotton, Dru Joyce

III, Willie McGee and Romeo Travis.

That group won three state titles and a mythical national championship as seniors.

"I wear our school on my sleeve all the time, man," James said. "I never forget what that school did for us. It's going to mean a lot."

Following a tumultuous first season in Miami that began with his infamous announcement last summer to leave the Cleveland Cavaliers, James has relished his summer back in Akron.

This is where he can find peace, block out all the criticism and mostly, just be himself.

In concluding his remarks to an audience comprised of school kids, parents and civic leaders, James reminded everyone he'll never stray too far.

"I will always be here," he said. "I grew up in this city. I love this city, and I'm instilled in this city. No matter where my life may take me, I will always be in Akron, Ohio. I will always give back to Akron, Ohio. Because these kids deserve it."

Ochocinco still getting adjusted



FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Chad Ochocinco has found a new NFL home.

He's still looking for a place to stay.

The veteran wide receiver Tuesday said he still has a lot of work to do, but is starting to feel comfortable with his new teammates in the New England Patriots' offense.

He gave fellow receivers Wes Welker and Deion Branch and quarterback Tom Brady credit for his progress.

"I've been able to assume a lot of information in a short period of time," he said, while adding "there's still a lot of work to do."

His play during training camp has been inconsistent—a sensational catch followed by a drop—but he has had to get used to Brady and a new system without the benefit of offseason workouts.

Off the field, he still hasn't found a home in the Foxborough area, but is toying with a novel way of getting to know the area.

"I'm going to do something different, I'm actually going to stay with a fan for the first two, three weeks of the season," he said. "That should be fun, until I get myself acclimated and learn my way around."

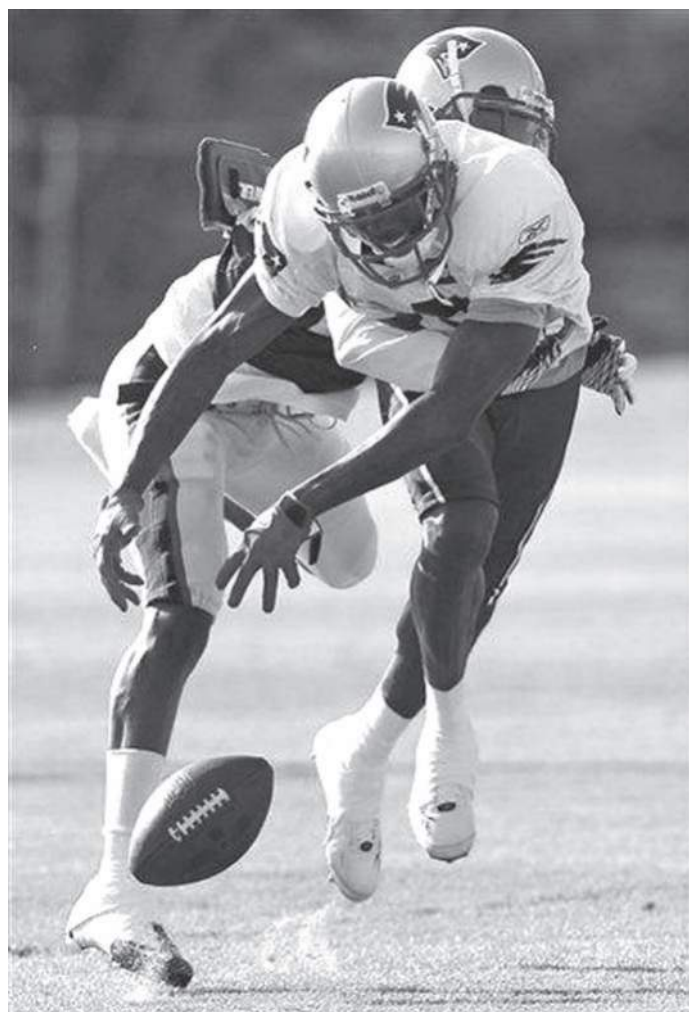
He hasn't picked out the fan, but there are a few qualifiers.

"I'm not sure how it's going to work, but they have to have Internet and have to have Xbox," he said. "That's about it."

The number of tweets by Ochocinco, who has more than 2 million followers on Twitter, have decreased since he became a Patriot on July 29.

He was asked Tuesday if he could both be himself and still be a Patriot and he just smiled.

After signing with New England, Ochocinco said he "will always be me," but he also said he was "going to blend in and



New England Patriots wide receiver Chad Ochocinco can't hold on to the ball as the play is broken up by cornerback Darius Butler during NFL football training camp in Foxborough, Mass., Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011.

do it the Patriot way, which is win. It has been a part of my game to always be me, but there is a certain way the Patriots do it and it's easy for me."

Newly signed veteran defensive lineman Gerard Warren became the 19th defensive lineman in camp when he signed a one-year contract Monday.

Warren, who had four sacks and 27 tackles in 2010, said he relishes the competition.

"Only the strong will survive," he said.

Warren said he hoped he would get a chance to return, but wasn't sure until he heard from the team.

"He's a man of his word," said Warren about Bill Belichick when

the coach invited him back.

"You get that message of 'don't call us, we'll call you, you have to think long and hard. But he told me if it was possible for me to be back, he'd give me a call.'"

Warren said he was glad to come back.

"Last year was a great experience," he said. "It didn't finish the way we wanted it to, but I know the purpose and direction of this team and I wanted to be a part of it again."

He cited four qualities he found during his time in New England that made him eager to be a Patriot again: "It's the preparation, the attention to detail, the camaraderie, and the will to not give up."



Miami Heat's LeBron James speaks after a dedication of the LeBron James Clubhouse, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011, in Akron, Ohio.

JoePa released from hospital, expected back Wed.



S T A T E COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)—Joe

Paterno was released from the hospital Tuesday, two days after getting blindsided at Penn State practice by a player and injuring his right shoulder and pelvis.

The school said in a statement the 84-year-old coach was looking forward to returning to practice Wednesday.

"It's time for everyone to turn the attention to the team," Paterno said in the brief statement. "We have a lot of hard work ahead in order to be as good as we think we can be."

Penn State confirmed on Tuesday afternoon that no surgery was required for Paterno, and that "precautionary measures" were complete. The team did not offer any more details about the injuries.

He was back home by late morning. The Hall of Fame coach spoke with his assistants Tuesday as they prepared to lead two-a-day sessions.

After stopping by the house to check in on Paterno, son and quarterback coach Jay Paterno said he ended up instead getting a grilled about practice.

"He's fine. ... It turned into a little work session," Jay Pa-

terno said with a chuckle earlier Tuesday in a phone interview. "I wish I was as tough as he is."

The latest health issue won't push his father into retirement, either.

"This is nothing more than a small blip on the radar," he said.

Paterno is major college football's career leader with 401 victories in 45 seasons as Penn State coach. His contract expires after the season, though he hasn't offered any clues as to when he might finally step down.

He also doesn't necessarily need something in writing to stay on the job. He said at Big Ten media day in Chicago last week he could coach another four or five years—a standard response he's given about the past couple decades.

Meticulous planning of the practice schedule means the assistants can run preseason drills without interruption, Jay Paterno said. The team was back at practice Monday, after JoePa held a teleconference with his assistants from the hospital.

But Paterno's health has become more of an issue in recent years, heightening the seemingly annual speculation of how

long he would stick around. He broke his leg in a sideline collision during Penn State's game at Wisconsin at Camp Randall Stadium in 2006.

Two years later, a hip injury forced him to spend much of the season coaching from the press box. He ran practices from a golf cart before having hip surgery after the season.

Jay Paterno said on Tuesday that his father's hip was fine.

During the 2010 offseason, Paterno had to scale back his personal appearances because of an intestinal issue and an adverse reaction to antibiotics prescribed for dental work. He also cut back on in-season obligations and taped segments instead of appearing live on a weekly radio show.

Until this week's setback, Paterno's health had seemingly improved over the last year, to the point where he had been regularly walking around town again. He promised to take more control calling plays this year, after the offense struggled in 2010.

Jay Paterno said his father remains as energetic as ever.

"Nothing has changed at all," Jay Paterno said. "Nothing is wrong with him, except being a little dinged up."

10 teams entered in UFO/Docomo Cup



It is all systems go for the UFO Inter-Organization Youth and Masters Basketball Docomo Pacific Cup 2011, as the league kicks off this Sunday at the Civic Center Basket-

ball Court in Susupe. The youth division (15 to 20 age group) will have five competing squads: MDX Amateur Radio Club/Armatech, Samahang Ilokano at Pangasinense, Samagang Laguna/Unity Lions Club, Alliance of Filipino Presidents/JETS,

and Northern Marianas Bartenders Association/G-Rollers. The masters division (40-and-above) will also have five teams with Alliance of Filipino Presidents/GPPC fielding a team in the last minute to join MDX/Armatech, VisMinda/PIAHI, Cabalen, and

MAFEA/Hector Sevilla Group. Representatives of the participating teams both in the masters and youth divisions are requested to attend a final technical meeting tonight at 6pm at the TSL Sports Complex. Details about the opening, including uniform color as-

signments and parade and opening ceremony procedures will be discussed at the meeting. The opening rites will start at 2pm and one game will be played in Susupe. The remaining two matches scheduled in the opening day will be moved at the TSL Sports Complex. Pairings for the opening day games will be determined via draw, while

the remaining matches schedule will be released later. Teams who have yet to turn in filled-up waiver and registration forms are requested to bring them at the meeting. For more information, contact Malasarte at 287-5525 or at bong@malasarte.com and Boy Ching at 287-6046 or at boyching@gmail.com. *(Roselyn B. Monroyo)*

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with less than four minutes in the game.

NMBA/Mixed Blood made one final comeback attempt when Jeff Pagarao's triple sliced the lead to seven, 63-70. However, the trey was also NMBA's last basket in the remaining two minutes of the match, as it committed one error after another in the ensuing plays, while Manolo Manalo, Darwin Barbo, and Perry Inos put the finishing touches on VisMinda/Satbahi's third win.

Mangali top-scored for VisMinda/Satbahi with his 17 points, while Manalo had

11. Dennis Morales paced NMBA/Mixed Blood (1-2) with his 18 markers, but he was held to one field goal in the fourth canto.

Ali'i Konflikt 82, Cavite/Andok's 78 Defending champion MAFEA/ Ali'i Konflikt was also steady in the homestretch, pulling off an 82-78 victory over Cavite/Andok's.

The win was only the first in three games for Ali'i Konflikt.

Jawn Joyner and Ivan De Vero hit clutch baskets in the last one minute of the match to put Ali'i Konflikt in the win column after losing to VisMinda/Satbahi and Namfrel/Proa.

The game was tied for the last time at 78-all after Cavite's Mike Olaitiman split his charities.

In the ensuing play, Joyner pulled up for a jumper from the top key and missed. Fortunately for Ali'i Konflikt, Elmer Esdrelon picked up the loose ball after a long rebound play and fed Joyner, who made another attempt and this time connected on a short jumper from the right baseline.

With Ali'i Konflikt ahead, 80-78, 40 seconds to go in the game, Tim Wesley tried to knot the count anew, but faltered on his drive. Ivan Devero collared the rebound after the miss and drew a foul on Wesley. The Ali'i Konflikt wingman then canned a pair of free throws to seal the win and hand Cavite its third loss in as many games.

Cavite dropped to a 0-3 record despite playing with gun-

ner Freddie Pelisamen, who struggled in his UFO debut, scoring only seven points and three field goals.

Devero led Ali'i Konflikt with 17, while his four other teammates also scored in double figures. Joyner had 16, Elmer Esdrelon chipped in 14, and Junar Guiab and J.R. Barrios tallied 12 each.

Joy Dayrit logged 20 for Cavite, including 11 straight points in the fourth quarter. He sat out for about two minutes in the final canto and went cold when he returned to the court, missing four of his last six attempts.

First Game

MAFEA/ Ali'i Konflikt 82 – Devero 17, Joyner 16, Esdrelon 14, Guiab 12, Barrios 12, Men-

Guerrero 7, Aguilar 7, Faustino 2, Sevilla 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-11, 35-34, 57-64, 75-73.

THURSDAY First Game

GPPC 85 – Mungcal 25, A. Rivera 18, Sampang 15, Tagle 8, B. Rivera 5, Avera 6, Ocampo 4, Jimenez 2.

Jacem Printing 65 – Olivos 27, Jose 17, Mateo 9, Manalo 7, Mcale 3, Ochaluze 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-15, 44-26, 62-46, 85-65.

Second Game

iFashion 60 – Fernando 21, Mc. Ahas 11, Gatdula 8, Herrera 6, Salazar 6, Mi. Ahas 4, Odicta 2, Villanueva 2.

Fong's Bakery 49 – Bahillo 20, Chan 7, Cadag 6, Danipog 4, Diyco 4, DL Guerrero 4, Aguilar 2, Sevilla 2, Faustino 1.

Scoring by quarters: 23-24, 29-31, 46-40, 60-49.

TUESDAY

Aldrin 60 – Moreno 13, Indalecio 13, Jugos 12, Griffin 6, Ciano 4, Santos 4, Laniyo 3.

MBI 50 – Trajano 18, Dela Rama 13, Ahas 8, Tala 3, J. Alvarez 2, Angeles 2, Cabrera 2, Viola 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-7, 26-22, 39-33, 60-50.

possibly baseball.

Jeff Taylor, Adam Hardwicke, Jess Wabol, and Tony Satur comprised the CNMI Golf Team, while sprinter Rachel Abrams, middle distance runner Douglas Dillay, and long jumper Trevor Ogunoro are representing the Commonwealth in athletics events. Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association has yet to name the members of the men's and women's teams, but registered a couple of players in the Pacific Games athletes list.

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scrambled to pull within a point, 34-35, at the half as Fernando Cadag heated up with nine points.

Danny Danipog picked up where Cadag left off, delivering 14 points in the third that put the Life Force on life support, 64-57, with 10 minutes to go.

But Life Force doubled Fong's Bakery's output in the fourth frame to come out with the victory.

Ordonez led three other teammates in double figures with 20, while Danipog took game-high honors with 26 in the loss.

It was the first win in five tries for Life Force, while Fong's Bakery absorbed its fourth loss in six assignments.

In other results, C-Bracket's GPPC (4-2) advanced to the playoffs after knocking off Jacem Printing (1-4), 85-65, in last Thursday's opener; B's iFashion (3-1) defeated Fong's Bakery, 60-49 in Thursday's late pairing; and A's Aldrin (1-4) finished its regular season run on a high note, upsetting MBI (2-3), 60-50, in Aug. 2 closer.

In Thursday's opener, GPPC came alive in the second quarter after managing a two-point lead against Jacem Printing, 17-15.

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will attend a referee clinic FIBA Sports Director Lubo Kotleba will be conducting from 8:30am to 11:30am. Kotleba will hold the referee clinic for two days or until Aug. 30 and there will be referee evaluation on games for two days.

Then on Aug. 31, FIBA Oceania will have its mid-term Congress. The assembly will be attended by

GPPC jumped ahead, 44-26, in the second quarter as Randy Mungcal and Arthur Rivera combined for 21 points.

Jacem Printing was short-handed in the contest, but GPPC showed no mercy and the game was well out of hand by the halftime break.

Jacem Printing's Dante Olivos still managed a game-high 27 points in the loss, besting Mungcal by a bucket.

In Thursday's late game, Fong's Bakery took a candlestick 24-23 lead after the opener quarter before resting with a 31-29 edge at the half.

iFashion, however, remained patient and turned it on in the second frame. Notably, both teams combined for just 13 points in the entire second quarter.

iFashion regrouped and pulled ahead, 46-40, in the third period and allowed just nine points from its opponents.

iFashion's Angelo Fernando put together a seven-point string early in the fourth and his team's defense held strong for the win. He led all scorers with 21, while Fong's Bakery's Jason Bahillo delivered 20 on the short end.

In the Aug. 2 game, Aldrin doubled-up MBI, 14-7, in the first period thanks to a pair of 3-pointers by Martin Moreno.

FIBA Oceania officials, including president Bob Elphinston of Australia, board members John Gallaher and Barbara Wheadon of New Zealand, Palau's Bill Keldermans and John Maddocks of Australia, secretary general Steve Smith, zone development manager Regan Kama, and zone special projects and administration manager Judy Smith. Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president and Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands secretary general Michael White

will be representing the CNMI at the assembly.

White is currently in Shenzhen, China for the 2011 Summer Universiade, which will kick off tomorrow and run until Aug. 23. He will be back on Aug. 25 and then will leave Saipan for New Caledonia on Aug. 27, joining the CNMI Golf Team.

Besides the golf squad, the Commonwealth will also be sending teams in beach volleyball team (men's and women's) and athletics competitions, and

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hind the two goals of Seuong Joon Lee and one each from Norman Camacho and Jin Han. However, Thoensaket saved the day for Wild Bill's, hitting two more to go with his early goal in the second half.

Docomo 5, Thundercats 0

In the first men's game, Docomo extended its winning run to three after shutting out the Thundercats, 5-0.

Trey Dunn led Docomo's third win, making two goals, while Ropati Tonuu, Peter Loken, and Tom Linden contributed on each.

With the victory, Docomo retained the No. 3 spot behind Korean Futsal Team (4-1-0) and Wild Bill's (5-1-0), while the loss kept the Thundercats (0-6-0) at the cellar.

WOMEN'S Shirleys A 9, Kulet's Team 2

The first women's game between Shirley's A and Kulet's Team resulted in a lopsided win for the former, 9-2.

Irish Pagarao had a hat-trick

for Shirley's A, while Jeraldine Castillo and Marilou Gariguez logged two each. Angie Ito and Angela Iriarte scored one goal each.

Shirley's A improved to a 6-0-0 card for the solo lead in the eight-team women's field.

Castillo knocked in two goals in the first 25 minutes of play, while Pagarao had one for Shirley's A 3-1 advantage.

Ito, Gariguez, and Iriarte joined the scoring spree in the second half to complete the blowout. Kulet's scored one goal each in the first and second halves with Vanessa Pritchard nailing both goals.

Red Team 4, Mellow Yellow 2 Red Team won the other women's game, beating Mellow Yellow, 4-2.

Zoe Jewell canned three of the four goals for Red Team, while Amber Roberts recorded the other one.

Melanie Santos and Rose Lazaro scored for Mellow Yellow in the first half, which ended with Read Team ahead, 3-2.

Mellow Yellow did not find the back of the net in the second half, while Jewell added one more goal for enough cushion.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES					
MLB STANDINGS					
AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	72	43	.626	—	
New York	69	45	.605	2 1/2	
Tampa Bay	61	54	.530	11	
Toronto	58	57	.504	14	
Baltimore	44	69	.389	27	
Central Division					
Detroit	61	54	.530	—	
Cleveland	57	56	.504	3	
Chicago	57	58	.496	4	
Minnesota	51	65	.440	10 1/2	
Kansas City	49	67	.422	12 1/2	
West Division					
Texas	66	51	.564	—	
Los Angeles	64	52	.552	1 1/2	
Oakland	52	63	.452	13	
Seattle	49	66	.426	16	
NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division					
Philadelphia	76	40	.655	—	
Atlanta	68	49	.581	8 1/2	
New York	58	57	.504	17 1/2	
Washington	56	59	.487	19 1/2	
Florida	55	61	.474	21	
Central Division					
Milwaukee	66	50	.569	—	
St. Louis	62	54	.534	4	
Pittsburgh	55	60	.478	10 1/2	
Cincinnati	55	61	.474	11	
Chicago	49	67	.422	17	
Houston	38	78	.328	28	
West Division					
San Francisco	64	53	.547	—	
Arizona	63	53	.543	1/2	
Colorado	55	62	.470	9	
Los Angeles	52	63	.452	11	
San Diego	51	66	.436	13	
Yesterday Games					
Atlanta 4, Florida 3, 11 innings					
Colorado 3, Cincinnati 2					
N.Y. Mets 5, San Diego 4					
Washington 3, Chicago Cubs 1					
Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 3, 10 innings					
Arizona 11, Houston 9					
Philadelphia 2, L.A. Dodgers 1					
San Francisco 6, Pittsburgh 0					
Chicago White Sox 4, Baltimore 3					
Cleveland 3, Detroit 2, 14 innings					
L.A. Angels 6, N.Y. Yankees 4					
Oakland 4, Toronto 1					
Tampa Bay 4, Kansas City 0					
Texas 7, Seattle 6					
Boston 4, Minnesota 3					
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2nd Annual Fiesta Beach Soccer 5-on-5 Tournament

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Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan general manager B.K. Park, standing second left, awards the cash prize to Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo, which ruled last Saturday's 2nd Annual Fiesta Beach Soccer 5-on-5 Tournament.



Players of runner-up Fan Chew pose for a group photo and are joined by Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan general manager B.K. Park, left.



Participants in the weekend competition gather for a group photo.



The all-female members of White Hot pose for a group photo.



Members of third placers Noonan make funny faces.



Players of host Fiesta pose for group photo before their game.



Hyatt Beach Club players give a thumbs up sign before going to action.



Players of Royal Bengal enjoy a shower before their game.



Volunteers for the tournament pose for a group photo.



Members of fourth placers Just 4 Fun are all smiles after making it to the playoffs.



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VisMinda/Satbahi regains solo lead

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VisMinda/Satbahi withstood NMBA/Mixed Blood's second half rally to nail a 74-63 win in the second game in the UFO Inter-Organization Basketball Friendship League 2011 Bud Cup on Tuesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

The victory gave VisMinda/Satbahi the solo lead, as it improved to a 3-0 mark, one win ahead of second-running Bayani/Mobil.

VisMinda/Satbahi was on top by double digits at the break, 36-26, but let its guard down midway in the third period, allowing NMBA/Mixed Blood to threaten for a comeback.

After three quarters, NMBA was be-



hind by only a single digit, 49-56, and then moved to within four, 56-52, as it silenced VisMinda/Satbahi in the first three minutes of the fourth canto.

A layup from Elgien Mangali ended VisMinda/Satbahi's drought and started the team's short 9-2 rally in a span of three minutes. VisMinda/Satbahi's lead increased to double digits, anew, 65-54,

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Wild Bill's notches fifth win



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

A Wild Bill's striker, left, tries to keep possession against an IT&E defender during their game in the men's division of the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League on Tuesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Wild Bill's striker Jeeraphong Thoensaket was on target Tuesday night, lifting his team to a 6-5 win over IT&E in the men's division game in the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League at the TSL Sports Complex.

Thoensaket scored five goals for Wild Bill's, which now has a 5-1-0 win-loss-draw record and regains the No. 1 spot in the eight-team field. IT&E dropped its fourth straight game after winning its first two matches.

Thoensaket made twin goals in the first half, while Lar Wongpanya had one, giving Wild Bill's a 3-1 halftime lead. Aji Thomas scored the lone goal for IT&E in the first half.

After a slow start, IT&E started getting into its rhythm and even grabbed the lead, 5-4, be-

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Life Force rallies vs Fong's Bakery, 75-73

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Life Force notched its first victory in the B-Bracket of the 2011 Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League after rallying against Fong's Bakery, 75-73, Tuesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

The team relied on defense in the payoff period to overcome a seven-point deficit at the end of the third quarter and eke out the improbable win.

Aside from Life Force's airtight defense, Fong's Bakery also seemed to run out of gas, committing plenty of turnovers en route to scoring just nine points in the fourth.

The team also had a timeout to spare in the waning moments

of the game with a chance to send it to overtime, but elected not to use it.

After the first three quarters, Fong's Bakery appeared to have the game in the bag despite dressing only seven players.

Life Force players also

seemed to contradict their team name as they came out lethargically after a nip-and-tuck first half.

The team led, 19-11, in the opening period thanks largely to eight points from Jessie Ordonez.

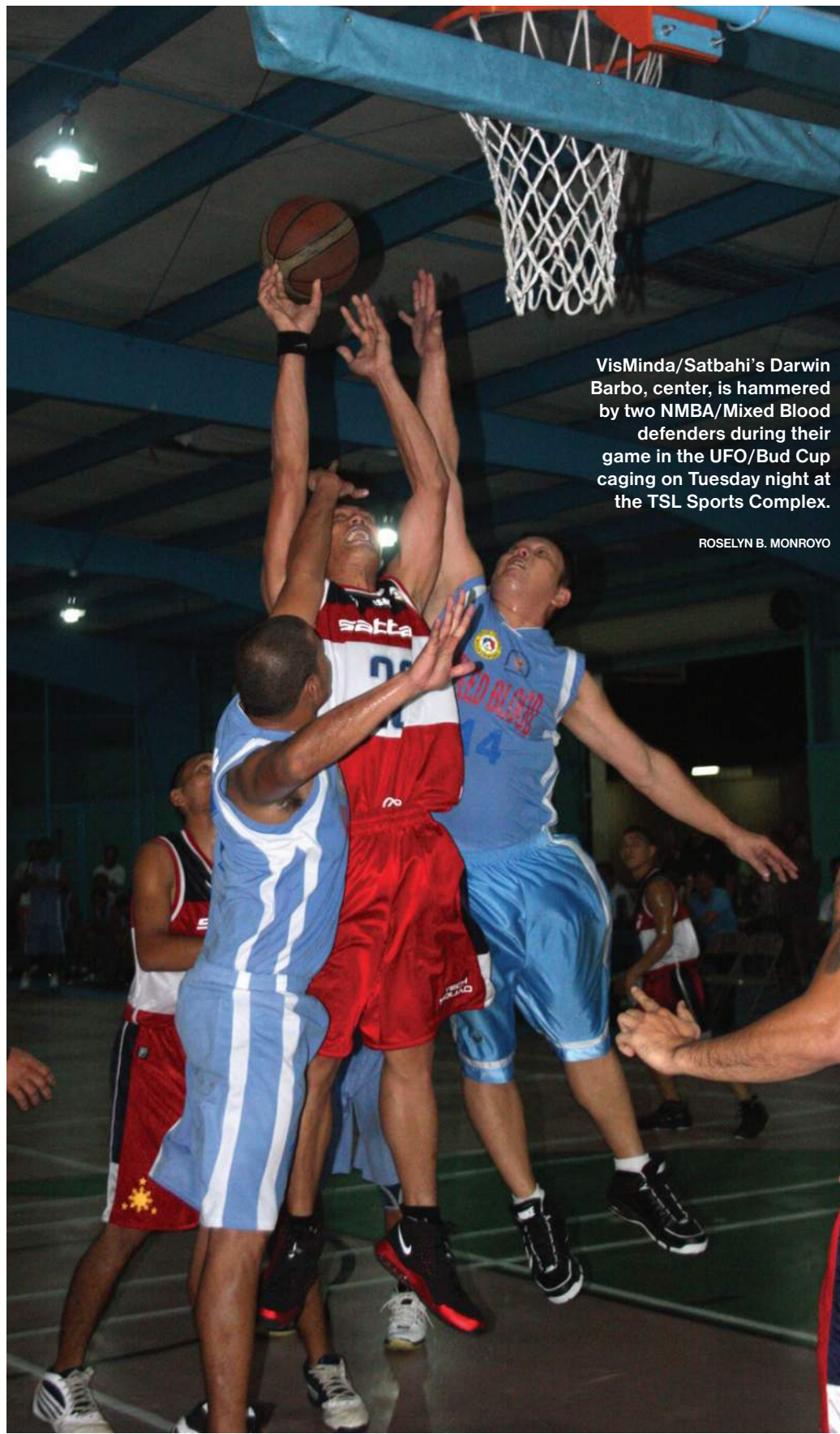
Fong's Bakery, however,

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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Fong's Bakery center Rainier DL Guerrero drives through the lane in last Tuesday's Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League matchup against Life Force at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



VisMinda/Satbahi's Darwin Barbo, center, is hammered by two NMBA/Mixed Blood defenders during their game in the UFO/Bud Cup caging on Tuesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

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White to officiate in Pacific Games

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The CNMI's Gabriel White is included in the pool of FIBA referees who will officiate the basketball matches in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia later this month.

The Pacific Games will start on Aug. 27 and White will leave for New Caledonia on Aug. 25, four days before the basketball

competition in the quadrennial event kicks off.

The Commonwealth does not have entries in the men's and women's divisions of the basketball tournament. Fiji, Samoa, American Samoa, Guam, New Caledonia, the Federated States of Micronesia are competing in the men's division,



White

while the women's category has teams from Guam, Samoa, New Caledonia, American Samoa, and Vanuatu.

The basketball competition will start at 1pm on Aug. 29 and will run until Sept. 8. Games will be played in two venues—the Salle Anewy in Noumea and the Salle Sérandour in Mont-Dore.

Before the opening games, White and the more than 10 referees from FIBA Oceania

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